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of the

Board of Commissioners

of

Kent County,

Michigan

2006

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PROCEEDINGS

of the
Kent County Board of Commissioners
January 3, 2006 – Regular Meeting

Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m. by County Clerk Mary Hollinrake.

Present: Commissioners Agee, Boelema, Bulkowski, Hiddema, Horton, Klein, Koorndyk, Mast, Mayhue, Morgan, Morren, Postmus, Tanis, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Vonk, Wahlfeld - 17.

Absent: Rolls, Voorhees – 2 (Excused).

Invocation: Commissioner Tanis introduced Pastor Sean Rippy, Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, who gave the invocation.
The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Clerk Hollinrake opened nominations for Chair of the Board of Commissioners.
Commissioner Koorndyk nominated Roger C. Morgan.
Motion was supported by Commissioner Vander Molen.
Motion by Commissioner Klein, supported by Commissioner Agee, that the nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Roger C. Morgan.
Motion carried.
Roger C. Morgan was declared elected Chair of the Board of Commissioners.

Chair Morgan thanked Commissioner Morren for his leadership over the past three years and he appreciates the Commissioners voting him as Chair.

Chair Morgan opened nominations for Vice Chair.
Commissioner Tanis nominated Dan Koorndyk.
Motion was supported by Commissioner Vonk.
Commissioner Bulkowski nominated Paul Mayhue.
Motion was supported by Commissioner Vaughn.
Motion carried.
Koorndyk: Agee, Boelema, Hiddema, Horton, Klein, Mast, Morren, Postmus, Tanis, Vander Molen, Vonk, Wahlfeld, Chair Morgan - 13.
Mayhue: Bulkowski, Koorndyk, Mayhue, Vaughn – 4.
Dan Koorndyk was declared elected Vice Chair of the Board of Commissioners.

Vice Chair Koorndyk thanked Commissioners for their support and said he will work hard to serve the Board and the County.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kristi Annette Sallie, 2321 Kent Blvd, Grand Rapids – Once again here to talk about her mother's (Annie Mae Sallie) death. She responded to a letter dated December 15, 2005, from the Board of Commissioners ("Board") asking for a copy of the out-of-state autopsy. According to Sallie, her mother was given 35 times the morphine that the hospital claims she was given. On February 16, 2005, Commissioner Koorndyk viewed the toxicology report. Again, she asks why the medical examiner refused to do an autopsy and toxicological screen in

the first place. The Sallies believe that once they get those answers it will be obvious that the Board should remove the medical examiner.

Mona Sallie, 2321 Kent Blvd, Grand Rapids – She is appalled at Commissioner Koorndyk's letter. Sallies will not sign a waiver so that the Board can obtain a copy of the autopsy and toxicology screening. Commissioner Vaughn told Sallies in the beginning that this Board would not help them. With 16/3 Republicans/Democrats, it doesn't matter what the Democrats feel because everything will go the way the Republicans want it to. Sallies request to the Board for an autopsy was rejected and so they had an independent autopsy done out-of-state. This Board owes Sallies money for that autopsy. She believes if they release the autopsy, the Board will find a way to twist the findings and say that the Sallies have no evidence. They will not sign a waiver and they want a hearing regarding the medical examiner's behavior on this case.

(Chair Morgan stated that this is not a medical examiner's case. The Sallie Family has appeared before the Board several times and repeated the same allegations each time. However, the County needs the autopsy results to confirm their allegations.)

PUBLIC HEARING

Sparta Village/Sparta Township Annexation

Motion by Commissioner Agee, supported by Commissioner Postmus, to go into a public hearing on the Sparta Village/Sparta Township Annexation.

Motion carried.

At 8:47 a.m., a public hearing was held and there was no public comment.

At 8:48 a.m., motion by Commissioner Agee, supported by Commissioner Tanis, to close the public hearing.

Motion carried by voice vote.

(Commissioner Bulkowski left the meeting at this time.)

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of December 15, 2005 Work Session and Meeting
- b) December 20, 2005 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
(Reports of Claims and Allowances)
- c) Resolutions:

1-03-06-1 – VILLAGE OF SPARTA PETITION FOR ANNEXATION / ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, the Village of Sparta submitted a Petition for Annexation to the Board of Commissioners of Kent County, Michigan, to include the following legally described property (the "Property") within the boundaries of the Village: S 150.5 FT OF N 214.5 FT of E 280.5 FT OF SE ¼ NE ¼ * SEC 27 T9N R12W 0.97 A. PP# 41-05-27-277-001; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Sparta is a general law village possessing the authority, pursuant to Chapter XIV, Section 6 of Act 3 the Public Acts of Michigan of 1895, as amended, ("Act 3") to petition the County Board of Commissioners to alter its boundaries by taking property that adjoins the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Property is contiguous to the Village of Sparta and is within Kent County; and

WHEREAS, the owner of the Property, Mr. Donald Armock, requested that the Village of Sparta include the Property within the Village boundaries to enable the services of the Village's water and sewer utilities; and

WHEREAS, on September 12, 2005, the Village of Sparta adopted Resolution 05-21, a resolution to alter the boundaries of the Village to include the Property within the Village limits; and

WHEREAS, the Village Clerk has published notice of the time and place when the Petition for Annexation would be presented for consideration by the County Board of Commissioners and that members of the public would be given an opportunity to be heard was advertised in the Grand Rapids Press on December 16, 2005, and in the North Kent Advance on December 20, 2005, and on December 27, 2005, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with MCL §74.6, the County Board of Commissioners has after due consideration of the Petition and comments made during the public hearing, determined to grant the petition for annexation as requested in its entirety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners grant the petition of the Village of Sparta to annex the Property located in Sparta Township in accordance with the above legal description is approved, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairperson and Clerk of the Board are hereby directed to sign the Order altering the boundaries of the Village of Sparta and transmit a certified copy to the Clerk of the Village of Sparta and to the Secretary of State.

1-03-06-2 – AMEND OFFICE OF COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS AND COURT SERVICES FY2006 BUDGETS / COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS / COURT SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Office of Community Corrections (OCC) receives grant funding from the Michigan Department of Corrections to administer and operate programs to provide alternatives to incarceration for offenders. Grant proposals are approved and submitted each year in June, and County budget requests are based on estimated grant amounts; and

WHEREAS, this year, Kent County OCC received \$93,815 more than anticipated and included in the FY2006 budget. Funds will be used to contract with community-based organizations to provide alternative sentencing programs; and

WHEREAS, due to the transfer of the reporting relationship of Kent County OCC to Court Services and the reclassification of the planner position, the County is able to reduce the general fund transfer to OCC by \$20,000 for the FY2006 year, making the net additional appropriation to OCC \$73,815; and

WHEREAS, Circuit Court Services is a subrecipient of OCC funding. As a result of the increase in grant funding, an additional \$1,800 will be allocated to their program and must be appropriated to their budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby appropriate an additional \$73,815 to the Office of Community Corrections (OCC) FY2006 Budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board appropriates an additional \$1,800 to the Court Services FY2006 Budget.

1-03-06-3 – ACCEPT A 2003 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PART II AND BUDGET AMENDMENT / SHERIFF

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of State Police – Emergency Management Division provides federal pass-through funds for homeland security programs; and

WHEREAS, the grant funds are to be used for improved prevention, response, and mitigation of terrorist-related incidents involving chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive agents as well as cyber attacks; and

WHEREAS, the County's grant, if approved, will be used to conduct Community Emergency Response Training (CERT); and

WHEREAS, CERT involves training of citizens, community organizations, and workplace personnel in basic response skills, providing general assistance toward saving and sustaining lives following a disaster and before professional first responders arrive; and

WHEREAS, the grant period is December 1, 2005, to January 31, 2006.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners accepts a State Homeland Security Grant from the Michigan Department of State Police; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Administrator/Controller to sign all grant documents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby appropriates \$47,923 from the Michigan Department of State Police – Emergency Management Division to the Sheriff's Emergency Management Budget – Special Projects Fund, contingent upon award and execution of a contract.

Motion by Commissioner Tanis, supported by Commissioner Klein, to approve the consent agenda items.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Agee, Boelema, Hiddema, Horton, Klein, Koorndyk, Mast, Mayhue, Morren, Postmus, Tanis, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Vonk, Wahlfield, Chair Morgan - 16.

Nays: 0.

APPOINTMENTS

(Commissioner Horton requested that the Various Appointments to Boards, Commissions, and Committees be voted on separately.)

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Finance & Physical Resources Committee

Dan Koorndyk, Chair
Dick Vander Molen, Vice-Chair
Jack Boelema
Tom Postmus
Gary Rolls
Art Tanis
James Vaughn
Harold Voorhees
Fritz Wahlfield

Legislative & Human Resources Committee

Dean Agee, Chair
Nadine Klein Vice-Chair
Dick Bulkowski
Marvin Hiddema
Jack Horton
Harold Mast
Paul Mayhue
David Morren
Ted Vonk

2006 SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Bargaining / Benefits Subcommittee

Roger Morgan, Chair
Dick Bulkowski
Art Tanis

Dean Agee
Dan Koorndyk

Building Task Force

Fritz Wahfield, Chair
Dick Vander Molen

Dan Koorndyk
Ted Vonk

Judgeship Subcommittee

Dan Koorndyk, Chair
Harold Mast
James Vaughn

Marvin Hiddema
David Morren
Harold Voorhees

2006 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS BY THE CHAIR**A.C.S.E.T.**

Harold Mast
Roger Morgan (by virtue of office)
James Vaughn

County Township Liaison

Dean Agee

Grand Rapids – Kent County Convention/Arena Authority Liaison Committee

Nadine Klein
Daniel Koorndyk
Tom Postmus

Grand Valley Metropolitan Council Transportation Division Policy Committee

Ted Vonk

Greater Grand Rapids Convention Bureau

David Morren

Housing Commission

Thomas Dann

Human Services Committee

Lawrence Baer, CHAC Chair (by virtue of office)
Daryl Delabbio, County Administrator (by virtue of office)
Beverly Drake, A.C.S.E.T. Director (by virtue of office)
Paul Ippel, CMH Director (by virtue of office)
Joan Krause, DHS Board Chair (by virtue of office)
John Lichtenberg, Mental Health Board Chair (by virtue of office)
Roger Morgan, Chair of the Board of Commissioners (by virtue of office)
Carol Paine-McGovern, KCFCCC Chair (by virtue of office)
Cathy Raevsky, Administrative Health Officer (by virtue of office)
Jack Roedema, Circuit Court – Family Division (by virtue of office)
Andy Zylstra, DHS Director (by virtue of office)

Local Development Financing Authority

Robert White

Officers' Compensation Commission

John Buchan
Dave Powers

Pension Board

David Morren

Resource Conservation & Development Committee

Tom Postmus
Gary Rolls

Senior Millage Review Committee

Marvin Hiddema
Daniel Koorndyk

Right Place Program

Daryl Delabbio

Motion by Commissioner Koorndyk, supported by Commissioner Vander Molen, that the appointments to Standing Committees, Special Committees by Chair, and Annual Chair Appointments to Various Committees be approved.
Motion carried by voice vote.

2006 BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES**Aeronautics Board**

Dan Koorndyk
Thomas O'Hare

Agricultural Preservation Board

Dennis Heffron
Sandi Parrish
Gary Rolls

Area Agency on Aging of Region VIII – Advisory Council

Frederick Deane
Marvin Hiddema

Area Agency on Aging of Region VIII – Board of Directors

Harold Mast
Albert Page

Community Health Advisory Committee

Lawrence Baer
Candace Cowling
Joseph Moore
Lori Pearl-Kraus

Community Mental Health Authority Board

Jack Boelema
Barbara Koetsier
John Lichtenberg
Harold Voorhees

County Building Authority

Sean Fitzgerald
Richard Rankin

Foreign Trade Zone Board (Kent, Ottawa, Muskegon)

Harold Voorhees

Friend of the Court Advisory Committee

Robert Jamo
Karen Jones
Bruce McCoy

Grand Valley Metropolitan Council

Daryl Delabbio
Roger Morgan
Ted Vonk

John Ball Zoo Advisory Board

Nadine Klein
Jon Nunn
Dean Pacific

Jury Commission

Roosevelt Tillman

Kent County Family and Children's Coordinating Council

Sue Broman
Candace Cowling
Lynne Ferrell
Lynn Heemstra
Debra Holmes-Garrison
Sharon Loughridge
Carol Paine-McGovern

Kent District Library Board

Vicki Hoekstra
Charles Myers

Kent Hospital Finance Authority

James Saalfeld

Millennium Park Architectural Advisory Review Board

Vernon Ohlman
Peter Secchia

Pension Board

Fritz Wahlfeld

Public Works Board

Jack Horton
Tom Postmus

Motion by Commissioner Koorndyk, supported by Commissioner Vander Molen, that the appointments to various boards, commissions and committees be approved.

Motion carried by voice vote.

MISCELLANEOUS

Candidate

Commissioner Vaughn announced that he will run again for County Commission – District 17 and will not seek election to the 75th State House seat in 2006.

Democratic Black Caucus

Commissioner Mayhue, President of the Kent County Democratic Black Caucus, looks forward to continuing to work with Commissioner Vaughn. The Caucus also looks forward to supporting any other candidate with the same ideology and they reserve their endorsement at this time.

Public Comment – Sallie Family

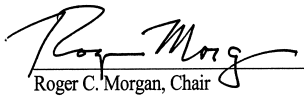
Commissioner Klein said that the Sallies have attended and addressed the Board in the past with regard to their mother's death. A letter was recently sent to them from the Board asking them to sign a release so that the Board could look at the autopsy. Their allegations are very serious and the Board takes their claims seriously. However, there is nothing more that can be done without seeing the autopsy. This is not a Democrat/Republican issue and she takes offense at them saying that the Board is taking it lightly and everything is done along party lines. She does not believe that the Sallies should be allowed to address the same issues over and over again during Public Comment. She understands the Board rules to be that they are welcome to come to every meeting and address whatever they want but, if redundant, the Board can cut off their comments. She believes that until the Sallies sign a release allowing the Board to look at the autopsy results, there is nothing the Board can do and the Sallies should not be allowed to further berate this Board.

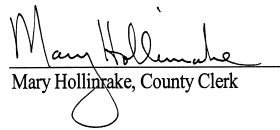
Introduction

Chair Morgan introduced his wife, Beth and daughters, Hannah, Emily and Sara.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:02 a.m., Commissioner Tanis moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, January 26, 2006, at 8:30 a.m. for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Klein. Motion carried.


Roger C. Morgan, Chair


Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk

PROCEEDINGS

of the
Kent County Board of Commissioners
January 26, 2006 – Regular Meeting

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

Present: Commissioners Boelema, Bulkowski, Hiddema, Horton, Klein, Koorndyk, Mayhue, Morren, Postmus, Rolls, Tanis, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Vonk, Wahlfield, Chair Morgan – 16.

Absent: Agee, Mast, Voorhees – 3 (Excused).

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Phyllis Jennings, 1936 Cherryrun Court, Grand Rapids - Wanted to set the record straight with regard to her father's (Edwin Jennings) death in March 2005. The family still does not have an official cause of death. Ms. Jennings is not only suspicious of his death, but the events surrounding the autopsy and the removal of his brain. She asks the Board to suspend medical examiners' Cohle and Start, without pay, until an investigation can be done, and to not renew their contracts.

Kristi Sallie, 2321 Kent Blvd., Grand Rapids – She refuses to sign the release form that the Board has requested from her family in order to get a copy of her mother's (Annie Mae Sallie) out of state autopsy.

Mona Sallie, 2321 Kent Blvd., Grand Rapids – Reiterated their refusal to sign the release.

Clyde Sallie, 2321 Kent Blvd., Grand Rapids – Said that he is ashamed and insulted that the Board would ask his family to sign a release for the autopsy. Would like to know what the Board is going to do.

(Chair Morgan stated that the Board needs the release from the Sallie Family in order to obtain the autopsy report. Mr. Sallie said that he would look the form over again.)

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Appointment Board Citizen Recognition

Chair Morgan thanked Marty Burch for serving on the Friend of the Court Advisory Committee for the past six years. Mr. Burch thanked the Board for allowing him to serve. He applauds the Kent County Friend of the Court, as it does an excellent job, and is recognized statewide for its forward thinking.

Technical Assistance Report – Sheriff Stelma

Sheriff Stelma stated that, as a result of three suicides in the Kent County Jail in 2005, the jail's administration and staff met to discuss additional preventative measures. Through the National Institute of Corrections, the Sheriff hired John Rakis, an expert in the field, to review and analyze the jail's suicide prevention practices. Sheriff Stelma introduced Mr. Rakis to review his findings.

Overall, Mr. Rakis' impression of the facility's suicide prevention practices is a very good one. The facility's intake and classification procedures are among the best that he has ever seen. Corrections and mental health areas demonstrated a high level of cooperation between the two. The use of computer technology was also exemplary, providing an electronic trail ensuring accountability and facilitating the exchange of information among all levels of the correctional staff and the health services providers. (A copy of the Technical Assistance Report is on file in the Office of the County Clerk).

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of January 3, 2006 Meeting
- b) January 3 & 17, 2006 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes (Reports of Claims and Allowances)
- c) Resolutions:

1-26-06-4 – MICHIGAN COUNCIL FOR ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS GRANT / JOHN BALL ZOO

WHEREAS, the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs has awarded \$35,500 to the John Ball Zoological Garden; and

WHEREAS, the grant funds will be used for ongoing programs to enhance visitor experiences and visitor education programs, expansion of promotional and marketing efforts, providing permanent and seasonal zoo graphics, and use of Michigan artists in zoo programs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners hereby accepts the \$35,500 grant and appropriates it to the 2006 General Fund – John Ball Zoological Garden revenue and expense budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Chair is authorized to sign the grant agreement.

1-26-06-5 – KENT COUNTY FAMILY & CHILDREN'S COORDINATING COUNCIL INSTITUTE FOR SYSTEMATIC CHANGE GRANT / ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, the Kent County Family and Children's Coordinating Council School Age Services Committee has been working toward realigning community health and human services to support student achievement through the development of a collaborative, integrated, effective, and cost efficient education and human services delivery systems; and

WHEREAS, on November 23, 2005, the School Age Services Committee adopted a four-point framework to assist in reaching this goal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes a \$25,000 grant application to the Institute for Systematic Change to support the detailed planning necessary to implement the four-point framework, and appropriate \$25,000 to the Special Projects Fund if approved.

1-26-06-6 – REVENUE SHARING RESERVE FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT / FISCAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, Public Act 357 of 2004 provided a funding mechanism to serve as a temporary substitute to county revenue sharing payments; this substitute funding mechanism involves a gradual shift of county operating tax millage from a winter tax levy to a summer tax levy; and

WHEREAS, annually, each county may make use of the Revenue Sharing Reserve Fund (RSRF) in amounts equal to its October 1, 2003, through September 30, 2004, Revenue Sharing payments adjusted for inflation; the inflation rate is defined by State Statute; and

WHEREAS, during FY 2005, the County was authorized to transfer \$10,494,320 from the RSRF to the County's General Fund; and

WHEREAS, based on an estimated inflation rate of 2.3% and the FY 2005 authorized transfer of \$10,494,320, the FY 2006 budgeted transfer to the County's General Fund from the RSRF was established at \$10,735,690; and

WHEREAS, the inflation rate as defined by the State of Michigan, is 3.3% not 2.3%. Based on the 3.3% inflation rate, the maximum allowable FY 2006 transfer is \$10,840,632, an increase of \$104,942 over the estimate of \$10,735,690 included in the FY 2006 Budget; and

WHEREAS, Fiscal Services is requesting an additional \$104,942 be appropriated in the RSRF.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approve the appropriation of an additional \$104,942 to the Revenue Sharing Reserve Fund from the RSRF reserves.

1-26-06-7 – LABOR AGREEMENT – POLC COURT REPORTERS / HUMAN RESOURCES

WHEREAS, the County and the Police Officers Labor Council Court Reporters have negotiated a tentative labor agreement; and

WHEREAS, the agreement provides a 2.5% increase to base wages for 2006, consistent with other employee groups; and

WHEREAS, the agreement provides for a 2.5% increase in 2007 and a 2.25% increase for 2008; and

WHEREAS, the total addition to base salary costs over the life of the contract is \$57,727, and the total addition to wage-based benefit costs is \$11,863; and

WHEREAS, the total base wages for the 7-member bargaining unit with scheduled increase are estimated at \$442,867, and the total three-year increase to salary and benefit costs is \$69,590; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the three-year labor agreement for the period January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2008, between the County of Kent and the Police Officers Labor Council representing the Court Reporters.

1-26-06-8 – LABOR AGREEMENT – POLC CAPTAINS AND LIEUTENANTS / HUMAN RESOURCES

WHEREAS, the County and the Police Officers Labor Council Captains and Lieutenants have negotiated a tentative labor agreement; and

WHEREAS, the agreement provides for a 3.0% increase to base wages for 2005, a 2.5% increase in 2006 and a 2.50% increase for 2007; and

WHEREAS, the total addition to base salary costs over the life of the contract is \$246,804, and the total addition to wage-based benefit costs is \$50,499; and

WHEREAS, the total base wages for the 20-member bargaining unit with scheduled increase are estimated at \$1,716,796, and the total three-year increase to salary and benefit costs is \$297,303; and

WHEREAS, the current pension plan contribution rate is 7.5%. The following language will be inserted into Section 12.1 of the Kent County Retirement Plan: The employees' pension contribution shall be one-half of the annual amortized valuation plus three and one half percent (3.5%), however, the maximum contribution shall not exceed eight percent (8%) effective 1/1/05. Effective 1/1/07 maximum will not exceed eight and one half percent (8.5%); and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the three-year labor agreement for the period January 1, 2005 – December 31, 2007, between the County of Kent and the Police Officers Labor Council representing the Captains and Lieutenants, and to amend the Kent County Retirement Plan to accommodate the agreement.

Motion by Commissioner Hiddema, seconded by Commissioner Vander Molen, to approve the consent agenda items.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Boelema, Bulkowski, Hiddema, Horton, Klein, Koorndyk, Mayhue, Morren, Postmus, Rolls, Tanis, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Vonk, Wahlfield, Chair Morgan – 16.

Nays: 0.

RESOLUTIONS

1-26-06-9 – REVISED CODE OF ETHICS AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY / ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE / BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Kent County is committed to the highest standards of conduct by and among its officials and employees in the performance of their public duties; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners adopted the Conflict of Interest Policy for key unclassified employees in September 1981, and on February 3, 1988 adopted the revised Conflict of Interest Policy for key unclassified employees; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners adopted and endorsed the Code of Ethics for County Officials based on principles espoused by the National Association of Counties' Code of Ethics on August 7, 1991; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to staff input, Civil Counsel has edited both the documents to incorporate minor revisions, removed outdated or historical references and generally cleaned up the language. Additionally, the list of key Management Pay Plan (MPP) employees to whom the Conflict of Interest Policy would be applicable has been updated; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative and Human Resources Committee recommends that the Board of Commissioners adopt the revised Code of Ethics and the revised Conflict of Interest Policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approve and adopt the revised Code of Ethics and the revised Conflict of Interest Policy for key Management Pay Plan (MPP) employees, elected officials, and board, commission and committee appointees.

Motion by Commissioner Klein, supported by Commissioner Vonk, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried by voice vote.

1-26-06-10 – STRATEGIC PLAN / BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, in 2005, the Board of Commissioners and County Administrator/Controller initiated the process of creating a strategic plan to guide Kent County government. The Board and Administrator anticipate using the plan as the basis for setting priorities with respect to organizational development and resource allocation; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners selected Woods Consulting to facilitate the planning process, which resulted in two products, a Summary Plan document and Detailed Proceedings; and

WHEREAS, the Summary Plan provides a mechanism to communicate Board policy, mission, goals and “way of doing business” to all departments. The Detailed Proceedings consists of a record of the discussions undertaken by the Board at its Strategic Planning Work Sessions and by department directors meeting in functional area groupings; and

WHEREAS, the strategic plan is intended to be a living document that will be continually updated and revisited throughout its implementation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the Kent County Strategic Plan.

Motion by Commissioner Koorndyk, supported by Commissioner Vander Molen, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried by voice vote.

MISCELLANEOUS**Strategic Plan**

Chair Morgan stated that the adoption of the Strategic Plan is a significant step for Kent County government. He thanked the Board, staff and Woods Consulting, but especially former Board Chair, Dave Morren, who challenged the Board in his first State of the County address to adopt “guiding principles”:

- Be open and accessible in how we do our business
- Encourage innovation
- Invest in our judicial system to keep it accessible and efficient
- Invest in programs that encourage healthy lives for residents
- Invest in maintenance of our infrastructure
- Assure adequate funding of programs consistent with this plan and balance mandated and discretionary services
- Pursue legislative changes needed to support our decisions and directions
- And most importantly, maintain our long-term financial health

Chair Morgan believes that these will serve as both guiding principles and goals.

Purchasing

Commissioner Vonk pointed out that the recent DPW purchase/lease agreement of a piece of equipment for \$150,000 is from a foreign company. He understands that sometimes circumstances necessitate offshore purchasing, but he prefers that we spend our tax dollars locally within Kent County, Michigan second and the USA third. He believes all purchases over \$100,000 should be approved by the Board.

Commissioners Mayhue & Klein stated that they share Commissioners Vonk's views and concerns on purchasing.

Chair Morgan stated that all purchasing policies were followed with this acquisition.

Purchasing Director Jon Denhof stated that the DPW's purchase of the equipment was done through a local dealer (AIS). And, the life cycle of the product was considered. Komatsu does have assembly plants in the United States.

Commissioner Morren said that AIS has 500-600 state employees.

Public Service Commission

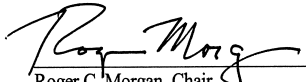
Commissioner Mayhue said that he requested at the Legislative & Human Resources Committee that the Board ask the Public Service Commission to hold a hearing about the rising costs of energy in Kent County

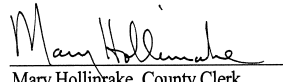
Portrait

The portrait of former Board Chair, David Morren, was unveiled and hung in the Board chambers.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:34 a.m., Commissioner Hiddema moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, February 9, 2006, 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

PROCEEDINGS

of the
Kent County Board of Commissioners
February 9, 2006 – Regular Meeting

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

Present: Commissioners Agee, Boelema, Bulkowski, Hiddema, Horton, Klein, Koorndyk, Mast, Mayhue, Morren, Postmus, Rolls, Vaughn, Voorhees, Chair Morgan – 15.

Absent: Tanis, Vander Molen, Vonk, Wahlfield – 4 (Excused).

Invocation: Commissioner Boelema introduced Nate Heyboer, Director of Youth and Congregational Care at Faith Community Christian Reformed Church, who gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Clyde Sallie, 2321 Kent Blvd., Grand Rapids – His family refuses to sign a release for the autopsy. Again, asks that the Sheriff's Department or Board of Commissioners (BOC) investigate his wife's death.

Mona Sallie, 2321 Kent Blvd., Grand Rapids – She complained about the political party division of the BOC (16 Republicans / 3 Democrats). She, too, asked for an investigation.

Kristi Sallie, 2321 Kent Blvd., Grand Rapids – She complained about Peter Noble's (Medical Examiner's Office) behavior and responses at the scene of her mother's (Annie Mae Sallie) death.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Vision to End Homelessness

Sister Maureen Geary, Coordinator and Victoria Sluga, Project Manager, Grand Rapids Area Housing Continuum of Care, presented the *Vision to End Homelessness*. This collaborative effort will be brought to fruition through an implementation plan to end homelessness in Kent County by the end of 2014. Focus will be on: the prevention of homelessness; decrease in emergency shelter need, use and bed capacity; increased coordination of systems and services; expansion of the role of *Housing First* as a local strategy for permanent housing. Vision implementation, local education and planning efforts will be coordinated by the Grand Rapids Area Housing Continuum of Care. (A copy of *Vision to End Homelessness* is on file in the Office of the County Clerk.)

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of January 26, 2006 Meeting
- b) Resolutions:

2-9-06-11 – LODGING EXCISE TAX FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT / FISCAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Lodging Excise Tax Fund accounts for expenditures incurred in promoting Kent County, and maintaining, acquiring, or constructing its public convention and entertainment facilities. Revenues are provided by the excise tax on transient room rentals; and

WHEREAS, in February 2005, the County agreed to pay an amount equal to the amount paid in the immediate preceding fiscal year increased by the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the most recent 12 month period for which such information was available. Based on the terms of the agreement, the amount paid in a fiscal year shall not exceed the lesser of 20% of the Hotel/Motel tax revenues levied and collected in such fiscal year or the amount noted above;

WHEREAS, the County paid the Convention and Visitor's Bureau \$830,947 in FY 2004, the annual increase in the CPI, for 2004, was 2.7%. The maximum amount to be distributed in FY 2005 was calculated at the rate of 20% of monthly Hotel/Motel tax revenues not to exceed \$853,383; and

WHEREAS, the County budgeted \$840,000 prior to the agreement. Fiscal Services is requesting an additional \$13,583 appropriation to cover the remaining FY 2005 expenses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the appropriation of an additional \$13,583 in the FY 2005 Lodging Excise Tax Fund budget.

2-9-06-12 – ADDITION OF A GRANT FUNDED POSITION / COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, on May 12, 2005, the Board of Commissioners approved the Housing and Community Development Consolidated Plan for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005; and

WHEREAS, the plan included the creation of a position Grant Administrator (UAW 25) in the department to administer the \$750,000 HOME grant awarded to the County; and

WHEREAS, the annual salary cost for the Grant Administrator position, at current contract rates, is \$61,238, which will be fully funded by the HOME Grant; and

WHEREAS, in the event grant funding is eliminated or decreased, the position will be eliminated unless continuation funding is approved pursuant to the fiscal Policy on Grants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approves the creation of the job classification Grant Administrator (UAW 25) to administer the HOME grant money awarded to Kent County.

2-9-06-13 – POSITION RECLASSIFICATIONS / COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, at the request of the Housing/Community Development Director, Human Resources conducted job audits of the existing positions in the department; and

WHEREAS, based on audit results and the needs of the department, Human Resources recommend the following reclassifications:

1. Clerk III to Auditor
2. Community Development Analyst to Clerk III
3. Housing Administrator to Community Development Manager
4. Public Improvement & Planning Administrator to Contract & Compliance Administrator (title change only); and

WHEREAS, the results of the audit have been reviewed with the Housing and Community Development Department Director; and

WHEREAS, the annual addition to salary and benefit costs from reclassification of the three positions is \$5,519 based on current pay scales; the funds for the additional costs are included in the department budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approves the reclassifications of Clerk III to Auditor, Community Development Analyst to Clerk III, Housing Administrator to Community Development Manager; and the job title change of Public Improvement & Planning Administrator to Contract & Compliance Administrator, to improve operating efficiency in the department and to more accurately reflect job functions.

(Commissioner Hiddema asked that resolution 2-9-06-11 be removed from the consent agenda.)

Motion by Commissioner Boelema, seconded by Commissioner Postmus, to approve the remaining consent agenda items.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Voorhees, Vaughn, Rolls, Postmus, Morren, Mayhue, Koorndyk, Klein, Horton, Hiddema, Bulkowski, Boelema, Agee, Chair Morgan – 14.

Nays: 0.

Absent from room: Mast – 1.

2-9-06-11 – LODGING EXCISE TAX FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT / FISCAL SERVICES

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WHEREAS, the County budgeted \$840,000 prior to the agreement. Fiscal Services is requesting an additional \$13,583 appropriation to cover the remaining FY 2005 expenses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the appropriation of an additional \$13,583 in the FY 2005 Lodging Excise Tax Fund budget.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Voorhees, Vaughn, Rolls, Postmus, Morren, Mayhue, Mast, Koorndyk, Klein, Horton, Hiddema, Bulkowski, Boelema, Agee, Chair Morgan – 15.

Nays: 0.

MISCELLANEOUS**Thanks**

Commissioner Voorhees reported that his recent trip to India with Rotarians to give polio immunizations gave him an appreciation for some government services provided in the U.S.

Women Elected Officials

Commissioner Klein compared the gender ratio on the Grand Rapids City Commission (1 woman to 6 men) to the County Commission (1 woman to 18 men) suggesting that both commissions would use more women.

Kroc Foundation Grant

Commissioner Morren said that he is disappointed in the loss of the \$30-million Kroc Foundation grant to the City of Grand Rapids. He would like to see this gift go to the West Michigan area.

Commissioner Mayhue stated that he is disappointed with both the Kroc Foundation grant and the situation in the Grand Rapids Public Schools. With all of Grand Rapids' attractions bringing people to the city we need to heal the school system so that visitors will want to live here.

Commissioner Postmus said that the County needs to be more proactive and focus county vision in the city, also. The Kroc grant should be in Grand Rapids.

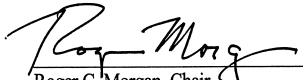
Commissioner Boelema commented that we need to look at social issues differently than we have in the past. We have serious problems with the social structure and need to design ways to look at these issues differently.

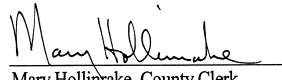
2005 Facilities Management Report

Commissioner Postmus commended Bob Mihos and the Facilities Management staff for their annual report.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:18 a.m., Commissioner Boelema moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, February 23, 2006, 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

PROCEEDINGS

of the
Kent County Board of Commissioners
February 23, 2006 – Regular Meeting

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

Present: Commissioners Agee, Boelema, Bulkowski, Hiddema, Horton, Klein, Koorndyk, Mast, Mayhue, Morren, Postmus, Rolls, Tanis, Vaughn, Vonk, Voorhees, Wahlfield, Chair Morgan – 18.

Absent: Vander Molen – 1 (Excused).

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kristi Sallie, 2321 Kent Blvd., Grand Rapids – Reviewed and submitted: 1) letter from Kent County's Civil Counsel, dated April 13, 2004; 2) nurses notes (pg 1 of 3) from November 14, 2003; and 3) letter from Barbara Gibson, R.N., dated February 2, 2004, regarding her mother's (Annie Mae Sallie) death.

Mona Sallie, 2321 Kent Blvd., Grand Rapids – She doesn't understand why the County can't investigate her mother's death.

Sidney Deans, 843 Dickinson Street SE, Grand Rapids – Concerned about increased pollution in our water system, and he would like to see the Waste to Energy Incinerator completed to handle more refuse, instead of it going into landfills.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Airport Parking Ramp

Jim Koslosky, Aeronautics Director, reviewed the proposed \$120 million parking improvement program at the airport. One of the key components of the airport's master plan, updated in 2004, was Roadway/Parking Improvements. Air traffic remains strong at the Gerald R. Ford International Airport. Projections show that parking demands continue to increase. The proposed project includes: 1) a 4,881 space parking ramp; 2) ramp-to-terminal canopy; 3) pedestrian sky bridges & escalator/elevator lobbies; 4) roadway modifications; 5) vehicle entrance plaza; and 6) utility tunnel. This project would be funded through a combination of bond financing, airport revenue and rental car fees - no taxpayer dollars. The proposed timeline is to finish design in December 2006, complete bid process in the Spring of 2007 and complete construction in the Spring of 2009. (A copy of the presentation is available in the Office of the County Clerk.)

Health Care for People of Color Report

Cathy Raevsky, Administrative Health Officer, reported that the mission and charge of the Task Force on Health Care for People of Color (established in June 2001 by the Board of Commissioners) was: *to examine the issue of health care for people of color, determine what the County is doing to resolve existing barriers, and develop proposals for County action.* She introduced Teresa

Branson, Program Coordinator of the Task Force on Health Care for People of Color, to review findings and recommendations.

Ms. Branson stated that the main purpose of the Task Force was to improve access to health care services for minority populations in Kent County who are disproportionately affected by chronic disease and illness primarily due to the following: unequal treatment, poverty, lack of insurance, stereotyping, communication barriers, frequency of care, and access to care. She reviewed the Task Force's recommendations: 1) Access to Health Services, 2) Cultural Sensitivity and Healing Racism, 3) Prevention, 4) Education and Information, and 5) Policy. (A copy of the Final Report is available in the Office of the County Clerk and at www.accesskent.com/YourGovernment/Publications.)

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of February 9, 2006 Meeting
- b) February 7, 2006 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes (Reports of Claims and Allowances)
- c) Drain Commission 2005 Annual Report – Receive and File
- d) Resolutions:

2-23-06-14 – BUDGET AMENDMENT – HEALTHY START PROGRAM / HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Health Department has received notice that the amount of funding available for Healthy Start services has increased \$16,121; and

WHEREAS, the Health Department, through the Healthy Start program, provides assessment services to women who are parenting for the first time and are in their second or third trimester of pregnancy or have a new baby less than three months old, and based on the completed assessment, the Health Department staff determines the family's eligibility and participation in community services that will best fit their needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners accepts an additional \$16,121 of funding for Healthy Start in fiscal year 2006.

2-23-06-15 – BUDGET AMENDMENT – WOMEN, INFANT AND CHILDREN (WIC) / HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Health Department has received notice that the amount of funding per WIC participant has increased by \$3.35 for fiscal year 2006, raising the per participant amount from \$115.72 to \$119.07; and

WHEREAS, the WIC program is a free nutrition program for pregnant and breastfeeding women and children up to age 5 and provides coupons for nutritious foods, education and immunizations to over 20,000 clients annually.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners accepts an additional \$63,918 of WIC funding for fiscal year 2006.

2-23-06-16 – FLEET SERVICES BUDGET AMENDMENT / FISCAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, four vehicles utilized by Circuit Court Community Probation, are eligible for replacement in FY 2006 according to the County's Vehicle Maintenance and Replacement Policy; and

WHEREAS, the Community Probation vehicles have been transitioned from the Community Probation budget to the Fleet Services budget to enable the County to charge Community Probation for the use of these vehicles. Since Community Probation is partially funded by the State of Michigan, 50% of the mileage will be reimbursed by the State; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the \$54,800 in acquisition costs, \$20,000 (fuel & maintenance) and \$4,917 (insurance) will be incurred for the Probation vehicles in FY 2006. These costs are reimbursed to the General Fund by Community Probation using the mileage reimbursement rate, which as of January 1, 2006 is 44.5 cents per mile. These costs were not included in the FY 2006 budget as Fleet Services did not realize it is the custodian of these vehicles; and

WHEREAS, a reimbursement revenue estimate of \$39,500 is included in the FY 2006 General Fund budget for the use of these vehicles. As a result of the transition of all probation vehicles to Fleet Services, an additional \$61,500 in revenue will be generated. These funds were not included in the FY 2006 budget; and

WHEREAS, Fiscal Services is requesting an additional \$79,717 be appropriated in the FY 2006 Fleet Services budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the appropriation of an additional \$79,717 in the FY 2006 Fleet Services budget, \$61,500 from Community Probation, and \$18,217 from the Unreserved General Fund Balance.

**2-23-06-17 – CHERRY STREET HEALTH SERVICES – GRAND RAPIDS
HEALTHY COMMUNITIES ACCESS PROGRAM FUNDING /
HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the Health Department has received notice that grant funds are available from Cherry Street Health Services through its U. S. Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) grant to fund a portion of the existing Program Supervisor for the Healthcare for People of Color Initiative; and

WHEREAS, the focus of this grant program is to coordinate the community planning effort to provide primary care services to low income residents of Kent County through the Task Force for Healthcare for People of Color including planning for transportation services in support of these primary care services as well as provide funding for staff to coordinate the Cultural Competency Training for Health Care Providers initiative and the Diabetes Screening in primary care clinics initiative; and

WHEREAS, funding for the coordinator position was originally authorized by the Board of Commissioners as part of \$500,000 set aside for implementation of the recommendations of the Task Force on Health Care for People of Color; and

WHEREAS, funding from Cherry Street Health Services will permit the Health Department to use fewer general fund dollars to cover expenses of the initiative in FY 2006.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners accepts \$47,865 from Cherry Street Health Services' Grand Rapids Healthy Communities Access Program funding, and appropriate an additional \$47,865 to the FY 2006 Health Department Budget.

(Commissioner Hiddema asked that the Drain Commission 2005 Annual Report be removed from the consent agenda.)

Motion by Commissioner Voorhees, seconded by Commissioner Postmus, to approve the remaining consent agenda items.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Wahlfield, Voorhees, Vonk, Vaughn, Tanis, Rolls, Postmus, Morren, Mayhue, Mast, Koorndyk, Klein, Horton, Hiddema, Bulkowski, Boelema, Agee, Chair Morgan – 18.

Nays: 0.

c) Drain Commission 2005 Annual Report – Receive and File

Motion by Commissioner Voorhees, supported by Commissioner Boelema, that the Drain Commission 2005 Annual Report be received and filed.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Wahlfield, Voorhees, Vonk, Vaughn, Tanis, Rolls, Postmus, Morren, Mayhue, Mast, Koorndyk, Klein, Horton, Hiddema, Bulkowski, Boelema, Agee, Chair Morgan – 18.

Nays: 0.

RESOLUTIONS

2-23-06-18 – ADD AN ASSISTANT CORPORATE COUNSEL POSITION / ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, the volume of litigation and legal matters to which the County is a party has increased dramatically over the past several years; and

WHEREAS, the County currently contracts with outside counsel to provide a variety of legal services because of insufficient legal staffing to support the current caseload; and

WHEREAS, the County paid \$198,129 in 2004 for legal services outsourced at rates significantly higher than internal County costs due to time and workload constraints on the County's sole in-house corporate attorney; and

WHEREAS, the County could significantly reduce the cost and improve quality assurance for non-complex or routine legal services by adding an additional attorney to assist the County's Corporate Counsel (formerly titled Civil Counsel) in providing legal services to the County; and

WHEREAS, the classification "Assistant Corporate Counsel" has been created for the position and assigned to MPP Grade 28; and

WHEREAS, the annual salary and benefit cost of adding the position will be \$94,932 and the cost of providing an office, office furnishings, and equipment is approximately \$9,500; and

WHEREAS, adding the position is cost neutral and had the potential of saving the County as much as \$100,000 annually, based on the 2004 costs of externally provided non-complex or routine legal services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approve the creation of the job classification "Assistant Corporate Counsel" (MPP 28) and the addition of one Assistant Corporate Counsel in the Administrator's Office to improve the quality and reduce the cost of legal services provided to the County.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Wahlfield, Voorhees, Vonk, Vaughn, Tanis, Rolls, Postmus, Morren, Mayhue,

Mast, Koorndyk, Klein, Horton, Hiddema, Bulkowski, Boelema, Agee, Chair Morgan – 18.
Nays: 0.

**2-23-06-19 – PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS SELECTION
CRITERIA AND APPLICATION CYCLE FOR 2006/07**

WHEREAS, the PDR ordinance adopted by the Board of Commissioner in November 2002 established procedures for the administration of the PDR program. By ordinance, the Kent County Agricultural Preservation Board is responsible for much of the program administration, with certain items presented to the Board of Commissioners for approval; and

WHEREAS, the Agricultural Preservation Board has prepared 2006/07 selection criteria to be used to rank and prioritize PDR applications. Per the ordinance, the Board of Commissioners must approve the criteria; and

WHEREAS, this year's selection criteria continues to focus on preservation efforts in areas with large blocks of agricultural land and considers factors such as soil type, parcel size, proximity to sewer and water, and proximity to other public or preserved land. Changes from the 2005-06 application include a revision to the scoring criteria which would subtract points for reserved future building sites beyond the one future building site that is allowed by the federal program; and

WHEREAS, the Agricultural Preservation Board will submit qualifying applications to the Michigan Agricultural Preservation Fund and the USDA NRCS Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program. All applications need to proceed through the County process in order to be eligible for submittal to the Michigan Agricultural Preservation Fund and Farm and Ranch Land Protection Program. The deadline for submittal to the state program is anticipated in October of 2006 and for the federal program in March or April 2007. It is recommended that the County application cycle be from March 1 – April 30, 2006.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves the Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) selection criteria and authorizes the application cycle of March 1 – April 30, 2006, for the 2006/07 Michigan Agricultural Reserve Fund grant application submission and 2007 USDA NRCS Federal Farm & Ranch Land Program grant application submission.

Motion by Commissioner Horton, supported by Commissioner Mayhue, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Wahlfield, Voorhees, Vonk, Vaughn, Tanis, Rolls, Postmus, Mayhue, Mast, Koorndyk, Klein, Horton, Bulkowski, Boelema, Agee, Chair Morgan – 16.

Nays: Morren, Hiddema - 2.

**2-23-06-20 – LABOR AGREEMENT – UAW GENERAL & COURTS / HUMAN
RESOURCES**

WHEREAS, the Negotiating Committee recommends approval of a three-year labor contract with the United Auto Workers representing Local 2600; and

WHEREAS, the contract increases wages 2.75% effective January 1, 2005; 2.75% effective January 1, 2006; and 2.75% effective January 1, 2007; and

WHEREAS, total base wages are currently \$34,489,301 and the recommended addition to base salary costs over the life of the contract is \$5,795,890. The total addition to net benefit costs is \$661,296; and

WHEREAS, the total three-year increase to salary and benefit costs is \$6,457,186; and

WHEREAS, the proposed contract has been ratified by the membership, which includes approximately 960 full-time and part-time employees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approves the three-year labor agreement for the period of January 1, 2005, through December 31, 2007, between the County of Kent and the United Auto Workers representing Local 2600.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Wahlfeld, Voorhees, Vonk, Vaughn, Tanis, Rolls, Postmus, Morren, Mayhue, Mast, Koorndyk, Klein, Horton, Hiddema, Bulkowski, Boelema, Agee, Chair Morgan – 18.

Nays: 0.

MISCELLANEOUS

Public Comment

Commissioner Horton commented that Mr. Deans' concerns on water pollution issues and refuse should be referred to the Department of Public Works.

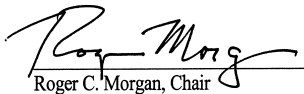
Commissioner Hiddema asked, in light of the Board's policy on how to handle public comment questions, why are we not directing these individuals as to how to get their questions answered or clarifying misstatements to streamline the process?

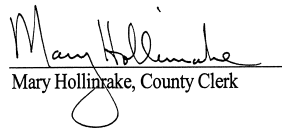
Violence Prevention Program and Suicide and Mental Health Awareness

Commissioner Mayhue commented that he was disappointed that money has been cut from the Violence Prevention Program. He applauded the Sheriff's Department's Suicide and Mental Health Awareness brochure.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:00 a.m., Commissioner Voorhees moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, March 9, 2006, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 7:00 p.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Mast. Motion carried.


Roger C. Morgan, Chair


Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk

PROCEEDINGS

of the
Kent County Board of Commissioners
March 9, 2006 – Regular Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Roger C. Morgan.

Present: Commissioners Agee, Bulkowski, Hiddema, Horton, Klein, Koorndyk, Mast, Mayhue, Postmus, Rolls, Tanis, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Vonk, Voorhees, Wahlfield, Chair Morgan – 17.

Absent: Boelema, Morren – 2 (Excused).

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

David Bulkowski, 322 Woodmere Avenue SE, Grand Rapids & Sue Sefton, 2641 Heathcliff Street SE, Grand Rapids - Distributed a report entitled *Getting There Together* (copy of which is on file in the Office of the County Clerk) detailing the results of the Citizens' Transit Summit held on October 3, 2005. The summit looked at: 1) what we are doing now and how do we do it better; 2) how transit land use comes together; and 3) how do we pay for it. The number one message that came out of the summit is that people like what they are seeing in our communities. The six member cities of The Rapid, and the townships that are part, love it. Ridership is going through the roof. People want more public transit countywide. Ten years ago the County Commission voted "no" on the creation of a countywide transit authority. Nonetheless, they plan to continue talking to the Board as they roll forward.

Kristi Sallie, 2321 Kent Blvd., Grand Rapids – Reviewed and submitted more documents regarding her mother's death: a) KCSH Detective Larson's supplement reported dated 12/3/03, 2 pgs.; b) letter of 12/16/03 from Dr. Cohle to Kristi Sallie; c) "Medical Record – Emergency Medicine" dated 6/2/03; d) "Emergency Department Physician's Orders" dated 11/14/03; e) "Medical Record – Discharge Summary" dated 11/16/03, 2 pgs; and f) EMS Medical Run Form, undated).

Mona Sallie, 2321 Kent Blvd., Grand Rapids – Again claims that the Medical Examiner gave false statements and asked the Board, again, to investigate her mother's death.

Clyde Sallie, 2321 Kent Blvd., Grand Rapids – Submitted a copy of the Kent County Medical Examiner's Case Report dated 11/18/03, p. 2 & 3. Would like the Board to look at the evidence available, stating that there is false information on his wife's death certificate, and he would like it changed.

Sarah Green, 2203 Edgewater Street NE, Plainfield Township – As a founding member of Faith in Motion (represents St. Andrew's Cathedral), she encouraged the Board to take another look at transportation. We need to look at infrastructure, how much more can we build, how much more gas can we afford. Think about people with disabilities.

Gretchen Bosma, 441 Cass Avenue SE, Grand Rapids – A member of Faith in Motion (represents Grace Christian Reformed Church), she said they are interested in countywide plus transit service. We need transportation for longer service hours which carries people farther distances.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Local Emergency Planning Committee Annual Report

Deborah Alderink, Chair, Kent County LEPC, gave the 2005 Annual Report (copy of which is on file in the Office of the County Clerk). The report's highlights include: 1) LEPC's 12 new offsite response plans and 241 revised plans; 2) the emergency exercise held on May 3, 2005, with the simulated release of anhydrous ammonia; 3) an industry workshop was held in October, "Emergency Preparedness: Are You Ready?"; 4) LEPC educational materials are available to the public at www.accesskent.com/lepc; 5) LEPC will receive grant funds of \$12,275 under the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Planning; and, 6) LEPC again won the Region 5 RRT (Regional Response Team) Award – their 6th national award.

Kent County Update

Chair Morgan, along with Vice Chair (Chair of the Finance Committee) Dan Koorndyk and Commissioner Agee, Chair of the Legislative Committee, presented a collective update on where the County has been and where we are going.

Chair Morgan reviewed 6 major accomplishments from the past 12 months: 1) Creation of Interim Dispatch Authority; 2) monthly meetings with the 6 core cities of Grand Rapids, Wyoming, Kentwood, Walker, Grandville and East Grand Rapids to discuss areas of cooperation and collaboration; 3) Building Task Force; 4) Millennium Park's continued success – more than 500,000 visitors in 2005; 5) John Ball Zoo's Vision and General Development Plan; and, 6) the adoption of the 2006 Strategic Plan.

Vice Chair Koorndyk reviewed some of the decisions facing the Finance Committee: 1) receive a recommendation from the interdepartmental staff committee on Corrections and Detention; 2) formal master plan for Millennium Park; 3) Building Task Force's continued improvement to county facilities; and, 4) review the activities and recommendations of the interdepartmental staff Budget and Finance Action Team.

Commissioner Agee stated that the goal of the Legislative Committee is to "pursue legislative changes needed to support the Board's decisions." Besides reviewing performance measures of selected departments the committee will look at: 1) inmate medical expenses; 2) local unit jail per diem fees; 3) hotel/motel tax; 4) consolidation of government services; 5) Department of Human Services facility; 6) State Convention Facility Development Act; 7) Telecommunications regarding 911 surcharge; 8) TIFAs, Smartzones, Brownfields; 9) Department of Human Services/Road Commission Boards; and 10) appointed drain commissioner.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of February 23, 2006 Meeting
- b) February 23, 2006 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
(Reports of Claims and Allowances)

Motion by Commissioner Voorhees, seconded by Commissioner Tanis, to approve the consent agenda items.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Vonk, Wahlfeld, Rolls, Horton, Tanis, Hiddema, Voorhees, Agee, Mast, Vander Molen, Postmus, Bulkowski, Mayhue, Vaughn, Koorndyk, Klein, Chair Morgan – 17.

Nays: 0.

RESOLUTIONS

3-09-06-21 – LIQUOR TAX – INTERGOVERNMENTAL BUDGET AMENDMENT / FISCAL SERVICES / NETWORK 180

WHEREAS, the County receives a Liquor Tax distribution from the State annually, as provided in PA 106 of 1985. Fifty percent of this distribution is to be used for substance abuse treatment within the taxing unit; and

WHEREAS, for FY 2005, the County anticipated receipts of \$2,580,000 and appropriated 50%, or \$1,290,000, for payment to network180 for substance abuse treatment; and

WHEREAS, for FY 2005, the County received \$2,960,118. Fifty percent of which, or \$1,480,059, shall be distributed to network180; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the unanticipated Liquor Tax receipts, an additional \$190,059 is required for distribution to network180.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approves the appropriation of an additional \$190,059 from the Michigan Department of Treasury to the FY 2005 Intergovernmental Budget in the General Fund for substance abuse treatment.

Motion by Commissioner Koorndyk, supported by Commissioner Voorhees, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Vonk, Wahlfeld, Rolls, Horton, Tanis, Hiddema, Voorhees, Agee, Mast, Vander Molen, Postmus, Bulkowski, Mayhue, Vaughn, Koorndyk, Klein, Chair Morgan – 17.

Nays: 0.

2006 Legislative Issues – Receive and File

- **Inmate Medical Expenses:** Kent County favors any attempt to limit liability of counties for inmate medical expenditures, and is seeking support in four specific areas:
 1. Require the healthcare provider to make a reasonable attempt to identify a third-party health care insurer and to seek payment from that provider prior to submitting the bill to the county. (Now State Law.)
 2. Extend to counties the same care exclusions placed on Medicaid recipients and participants in county Indigent Care Plans, and at the same time, statutorily protect the County from liability resulting from failure to provide such care.
 3. MCL 400.106 provides that an inmate is not eligible for Medicaid coverage while incarcerated unless he/she is admitted to a hospital. The suspension of Medicaid benefits is a state decision and inmates should not be excluded from eligibility when incarcerated.

4. When inmates are identified as Medicaid recipients or Medicaid eligible, the County should be billed at a rate not to exceed that which is negotiated through the state Medicaid program.
- **Local Unit Jail Per-Diem Fees:** SB 208 was introduced by Senator Toy, passed by the Senate on December 6, 2005 and referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary. If passed, this legislation will provide municipalities with populations greater than 1,000,000 the ability to seek reimbursement from anyone incarcerated in a municipal or county jail. This legislation is targeted only to Wayne and Oakland Counties and should be broadened to include all municipalities.
 - **Hotel/Motel Tax:** Amend PA 106 of 1985, as amended, specifically section 207.623(d)(i) to increase the size of census figure. This amendment will reduce tax liability (beginning in 2011 or 2012) of larger hotels/motels in Kent County so they are not taxed twice. In 2005, Senator Hardiman introduced SB729. On January 10, Representative Hildenbrand introduced HB 5545.
 - **Consolidation of Governmental Services:** Kent County favors legislation that encourages consolidation of governmental services.
 - **Funding for New Kent DHS Facility:** Track, endorse, encourage State to follow through on the relocation of the Kent DHS Facility.
 - **SB118:** State Convention Facility Development Act – Kent County opposed to “freeze” distributions at the 1999 levels and to distribute funds in excess of the “frozen” amount to Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb counties.
 - **Telecommunications:** Allow surcharge for cellular phones for 911 calls.
 - **Opt out of TIFAs, Smartzones, Brownfields:** Endorse and support any legislative efforts to provide for “opt out” provisions for taxing jurisdictions similar to DDA statute. The County has been working with Representative Kooiman regarding potential legislation, including limitations on captures. MAC is aware of this; Bob White spoke to the MAC Legislative Committee on 1/20/06.
 - **Size of DHS and Road Commission Boards:** Endorse any legislative efforts to increase the size of Department of Human Services and Road Commission boards. Legislation on Road Commission size was introduced in 2005 and has gone through a couple of iterations.
 - **Appointed Drain Commission:** SB945 introduced on 1/11/06 by Senators Toy, Hardiman, Gilbert, Sanborn and McManus to provide enabling legislation for counties with more than 500,000 population, when the position of drain commission becomes vacant, may opt to have an appointed—rather than elected—drain commissioner. Referred to the Committee on Local, Urban, and State Affairs.

Motion by Commissioner Agee, supported by Commissioner Vonk, that the 2006 Legislative Issues be received and filed.

Motion carried by voice vote.

REPORTS**Judgeship Committee**

Commissioner Koorndyk reported that the fourth meeting was held today, and a recommendation will go to the Legislative & Human Resources Committee soon.

Building Task Force

Commissioner Wahlfield stated that he toured the jail facility this morning, urged other Commissioners to do the same and take the matter of corrections/detention seriously as it progresses in the upcoming weeks.

MISCELLANEOUS**Grand Valley Metro Council**

Commissioner Vonk said that Plainfield Township is the fourth largest municipality in Kent County and, hence, suggests that it be included in meetings with the six core cities. The Grand Valley Metro Council's Legislative Committee supports a five-member road commission, and that issue will go before the full Metro Council board next month.

Sheriff Department

Commissioner Agee said that sheriff deputies carry teddy bears in their patrol cars to give to children involved in trauma situations, and it is very worthwhile.

Emergency Management

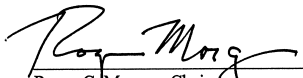
Commissioner Mayhue would like to see the County work with the City of Grand Rapids on their emergency management plan.

NACO Conference

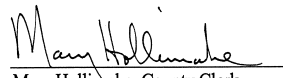
Commissioner Horton said that attendees to NACO Conferences are hit with so much information in such a short period that it might be advantageous for departments to make recommendations to the Board on agenda items prior to attending the conference in the future.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:12 p.m., Commissioner Voorhees moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, March 23, 2006, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 8:30 a.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Vander Molen. Motion carried.



Roger C. Morgan, Chair



Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk

PROCEEDINGS

of the
Kent County Board of Commissioners
March 23, 2006 – Corrections/Detention
Report - Work Session

Meeting called to order at 7:30 a.m. by Chair Roger C. Morgan.

Present: Commissioners Boelema, Bulkowski, Hiddema, Horton, Klein, Koorndyk, Mayhue, Morgan, Postmus, Rolls, Tanis, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Vonk, Voorhees, Wahlfield, Chair Morren - 17.

Absent: Agee, Mast - 2 (Excused).

INTRODUCTION

Assistant Administrator Wayman Britt told the Commissioners that the Corrections and Detention Millage Committee created two subcommittees, the Alternatives to Incarceration Committee (Chair George Doyle) and the Jail Capacity and Review Committee (Chair Randy Demory). The subcommittees each prepared reports, which are included in the *Kent County Corrections and Detention Millage Committee Report and Recommendations* (a copy of which is on file in the Office of the County Clerk).

SUMMARY

In 1990, Kent County voters approved a millage of .84 mills to expand, remodel, equip, operate, maintain and defray debt service for the Kent County Correction and Detention Facilities (20 year millage term).

This millage expires on December 31, 2009. Based upon population trends, booking rates, and the continued deterioration of the old linear-designed facility, Kent County will face significant challenges if the millage expires. Without funding for the continued operation of the correctional facility and the necessary structural improvements or replacements, the County may face: overcrowding emergencies; security and safety issues; housing offenders in other communities at a greater cost; or, release offenders early. Without a millage renewal, the costs to operate and renovate the facility will necessitate significant general fund allocations and may impact other county services as funding may be reallocated.

DISCUSSION / FACTS

- Jail population has increased 4% /yr since 1969
- 27% of offenders are in on a pre-trial status
- 27% of offenders have been sentenced to County Jail Time
- 26% of offenders are being held on a "Hold"
- 765 offenders were "fast tracked" in 2004
- One out of every three offenders is being returned to the street.

Housing

The average cost for housing an inmate is \$80.97 a day.

In 2004, the jail was 90% full, for 325 days it was 95% full and 204 of those days, 98% full. The jail exceeded 100% capacity 83 times in 2004.

The main jail averted 10 overcrowding emergencies in 2004, 8 in 2005.

Alternatives to Incarceration

Alternative programs for eligible offenders assist in managing the population of the correctional facilities. Even with increased programs (in 1988, there were 10 alternative programs and in 2005, that number increased to 32), the need for more housing still increases.

These programs save 599 jail beds per day. Without these programs, the County could have incurred significant costs to house offenders in other jails and may have resulted in overcrowding and emergency releases.

Money vs. Needs

Sheriff Stelma reviewed some of the money vs. needs issues:

Money:

- Strategic plan
- Costs
- Safety
- Efficiency

Needs:

- Rising population
- Steady crime rate
- Prison system reducing bonds
- Jail population increase

(Commissioner Mayhue entered at 7:58 a.m.)

Cash Flow Projection

Bob White, Fiscal Services Director, reviewed the cash flow projection, what the anticipation will be from a renewal or increase in millage levy and the sample ballot question.

Options

Short-term:

- a) do nothing
- b) renew the existing millage
- c) renew the millage at a reduced rate

Long-term:

- d) renew the existing millage and request an increase
- e) pursue the feasibility of a regional jail

Recommendations

The Corrections and Detention Millage Committee recommends:

1. that the BOC appropriate up to \$75,000 in 2006 to procure an architectural/engineering firm(s) to provide a comprehensive analysis of the programming, space and infrastructure needs for the replacement/expansion of the facility;
2. that the BOC consider that the existing millage be presented to the voters in August 2008 for renewal at its current rate of .7893 mills.

(Mr. Britt asked for any questions from Commissioners at this time.)

QUESTIONS

Commissioner Klein – Can we hold the public’s attention from December 2006 (when the public will begin to receive information) until the August 2008 election? *Wayman Britt – The education of and information out to the public will probably be in phases. It is never too early to begin communicating about the current problem.*

Commissioner Boelema - There are a number of alternative programs to be explored, can someone speak to this? *George Doyle – One of the recommendations of the Alternative Sentencing Committee is to form a coalition of stakeholders from various parts of the circuit court, district court and prosecutor’s office. That process is already underway within the court system and will provide the tools to continue exploring alternatives. Several other alternatives are outlined under the Alternatives to Incarceration (pg. 18 & 19).*

Mr. Britt - The Sheriff, Chief of Police and Network 180 are talking about a pilot to minimize placing mentally ill people in the jail. This is the sort of thing that this criminal justice system coordinating council could work on collectively.

Commissioner Boelema - There are many ways to deal with these people other than jail. It is our responsibility to look into them. We could probably do our clientele more good by placing them in constructive, cost effective programs, rather than just locking them up.

Chair Morgan – A good start is by going from 10 alternative programs to 32.

Commissioner Wahlfield - Should the renewal be approved by voters, when would we start collecting the money? *Mr. Britt - The millage ends in 2009, which pays for operation through 2010. So, the renewal will kick in 2011.*

Mr. White - the language in the ballot says: “subject to taxation for the period 2010 through 2029.” So, the first tax levy for this new millage levy would be in December 2010.

Commissioner Morren – The report is great, readable and understandable. Why can’t we become a regional jail? Instead of Allegan and Kalamazoo trying to figure out how to build a jail, why can’t we build a West Michigan jail? Economically and socially we should be marketing West Michigan, not just Kent County. Are we talking to our neighbors? We would leverage a lot more dollars more efficiently.

Sheriff Stelma - Sheriffs from Muskegon to Montcalm to Van Buren County to Ionia County met last month. Every sheriff in that block of West Michigan has discussed how to bring something to the West Michigan community. There are several options along with several problems, but we are continuing the process in April and will look at some successful examples.

Commissioner Morren - Is there a time between now and when we need the funding in place to work something out regionally? Or is it something for farther down the road?

Daryl Delabbio - One of the things brought up in the meeting a couple of weeks ago is that Ionia has a facility that is currently not being used. The group of counties could look at forming some type of “authority” to jointly operate that facility. There are a lot of issues that would have to be resolved.

Sheriff Stelma - That very issue was addressed with the Michigan Department of Corrections.

Commissioner Vander Molen - He, along with Commissioners Morgan and Wahlfeld, toured the jail facility. As a career plumber, he said that what these people have to work with it is terrible. The fact that they are keeping the place open is nothing short of a miracle. It is beyond repair it needs to be replaced.

Commissioner Postmus - With regard to the ballot proposal, was there thought given to renewing at the original millage rate that was voted in at .84 mills. There are some counties that are working backwards from the Headlee, coming back for a renewal and asking for it at that old rate. And, are there any DDAs that would capture any of the money?

Bob White - The County can set the millage levy request at any level. Because under Headlee you were required to roll it back to the .78, you would be asking for a renewal and an increase to .84 mills. The County has no rights under the Tax Increment Authority Act to require communities to roll back that portion that they capture. However, they can: 1) voluntarily amend their tax increment plan to exclude capture of the detention millage or, 2) capture less than 100% of the tax increment.

Commissioner Mayhue - He was taken aback that the linear portion of the jail is in such a deteriorating state. When the millage was passed for expansion, was there thought to making sure that the whole physical plan of the jail was taken care of?

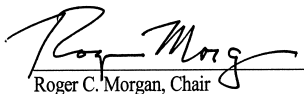
Mr. Britt - You have to trust that the staff has given us the correct information when needed. When we need to fix or repair any portion of the facility, they carefully monitor that. We are simply saying that time will run out and we will need to do more than just simple repair. The Bennett study pointed out that, in time, Kent would need to eliminate the 1950 design. We are not yet at the point where we need to demolish it. We need to do a formal structural review again and determine when and if we should replace it.

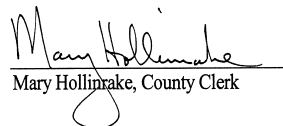
Daryl Delabbio - The work being proposed now for the 1950 structure was not addressed in 1990.

Sheriff Stelma - The 1990s structure is very serviceable and is not at issue. The issue is the 1950s structure and the real critical issue is the original 200 bed area. This is the same type of construction that Muskegon, Allegan and Kalamazoo counties are battling with. The Sheriff welcomed any Commissioners to take a tour of the facilities.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:27 a.m., the Work Session was adjourned.


Roger C. Morgan, Chair


Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk

PROCEEDINGS

of the
Kent County Board of Commissioners
March 23, 2006 – Regular Meeting

Meeting called to order at 8:32 a.m. by Chair Roger C. Morgan.

Present: Commissioners Agee, Boelema, Bulkowski, Hiddema, Horton, Klein, Koorndyk, Mayhue, Morren, Postmus, Rolls, Tanis, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Vonk, Voorhees, Wahlfield, Chair Morgan – 18.

Absent: Mast – 1 (Excused).

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Paul Mayhue, 244 Heritage Commons, Grand Rapids - Commented on the recent report from the Michigan Advisory Committee on the Overrepresentation of Children of Color in Child Welfare (copy of which is on file in the Office of the County Clerk). This Committee (co-chaired by Marianne Udow, Department of Human Services "DHS" Director and Carol Goss, CEO and President of the Skillman Foundation) indicates that more kids of color are in the DHS system and fewer are placed back in the home. In an effort to stop the erosion of black families, we need to improve community services for families. Mr. Mayhue asks that the County look at the problem and reallocate dollars to provide for a new vision.

Kristi Sallie, 2321 Kent Blvd., Grand Rapids – Everyone should be held accountable for their actions, medical professionals who treat people should be held to a higher standard and policies should be put in place for background checks on physicians.

Mona Sallie, 2321 Kent Blvd., Grand Rapids – Again reiterated that she will continue to come before the Board until something is done with regard to investigating her mother's death. Urged the Board to investigate Dr. Cohle.

PUBLIC HEARING

Kent City Village Annexation

Motion by Commissioner Agee, supported by Commissioner Vonk, to go into a public hearing.

Motion carried by voice vote.

At 8:48 a.m., a public hearing was held on the annexation of property within boundaries of the Village of Kent City. Mark VanAllsburg, attorney for the Village of Kent City, stated that the owner of the property requested the annexation for sewer and other public services to which all parties agree. Commissioner Morren commented that extending water, sewer, and public services is much better than increasing septic systems.

Motion by Commissioner Agee, supported by Commissioner Tanis, to close the public hearing.

Motion carried by voice vote.

At 8:51 p.m., Chair Morgan declared the hearing closed.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Timberland Resource Conservation & Development Update

Kathy Evans, Executive Director – Timberland Resource Conservation and Development (“RC&D”) Area Council, updated the Board on who they are and what they do. She distributed: an agenda for their meeting on April 5, 2006, program highlights, an organizational chart, and a fact sheet on restoration of wetlands and grasslands. Timberland represents nine counties, has 24 voting members and is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. Its mission is to provide regional leadership and conservation assistance to citizens to improve, properly develop and sensibly use our natural and human resources. Timberland develops a five-year area plan which includes land conservation, water management, community development and land management, and an annual plan that details what will be done for the year in the areas of stream care, wildlife habitat partners, farmland open space, and trails and greenways.

Kate Reager, Executive Director of the Kent Conservation District, explained that they are a local unit of government, each county has one, and it is intended to be a gateway to resources to help people solve their local conservation issues in a way that is focused on the needs of the community. At present, the two major programs are 1) forestry – help people with private land develop plans for their property; 2) groundwater – help the agriculture community protect groundwater from fertilizer and pesticide contamination.

Steven Law, RC&D Coordinator, explained that there are 375 RC&D areas across the nation. RC&Ds are a federal, state, county and private partnership that brings in public and private dollars through foundations and grants. The RC&D could help the county with issues such as brownfield redevelopment, and parks & recreation issues.

Iraqi Election – County Clerk Elections Director

Susan deSteiguer, Elections Director, explained her participation as an election observer in the Out of Country Iraqi Election (December 13-15, 2005) in Dearborn. She detailed some of the similarities of the voting process as well as cultural differences.

Annual Investment Report – County Treasurer

Treasurer Parrish reviewed the Annual Investment Report (copy of which is on file in the Office of the County Clerk).

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of March 9, 2006 Meeting
- b) March 9, 2006 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
(Reports of Claims and Allowances)

- c) Reports of Cemetery Trust Fund and Unknown Legatee Account - Receive and File
- d) Resolutions:

3-23-06-22 – KENT CITY PETITION FOR ANNEXATION / ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter XIV, Section 6 of Act 3 the Public Acts of Michigan of 1895, as amended, the Village of Kent City (the "Village") has submitted a petition to the County Board of Commissioners to alter its boundaries by adding to and incorporating into said Village, the property known as 14409 Peach Ridge, Kent City, Michigan, and legally described as follows (the "Property");

The South 125 feet pf the West 318 feet of the East 368 feet of the Southeast ¼ of the Northeast ¼, Section 29, Town 10 North, Range 12 West, Tyrone Township, Kent County, Michigan.

WHEREAS, the Village is a general law village possessing the authority, pursuant to Chapter XIV, Section 6 of Act 3 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1895, as amended, ("Act 3") to petition the County Board of Commissioners to alter its boundaries by taking property that adjoins the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Property is contiguous to the Village and is within Kent County; and

WHEREAS, Paul A. DeVries and Linda K. DeVries, as the owners of the Property, have requested that the Village include the Property within the Village boundaries to enable the Village to extend sanitary sewer and other public services to the Property; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Tyrone, where the Property is currently located, has adopted Resolution 2006-04, dated February 14, 2006, consenting to the proposed annexation; and

WHEREAS, the Village has determined by resolution dated February 9, 2006, to petition the Board of Commissioners to alter the boundaries of the Village to include the Property within the Village limits; and

WHEREAS, notice has been published and posted, in the manner required by law, of the time and place when the Petition would be presented for consideration by the County Board of Commissioners and that members of the public would be given an opportunity to be heard; and

WHEREAS, the Village has submitted a proposed Order approving said alteration of boundaries; and

WHEREAS, there is no pending petition for disincorporation of the Village; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with MCL §74.6, the County Board of Commissioners has after due consideration of the petition and comments made during the public hearing on March 23, 2006, resolved to grant the petition for annexation as requested in its entirety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners grant the petition of the Village to annex the Property located in Township of Tyrone; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairperson and Clerk of the Board are hereby directed to sign the Order altering the boundaries of the Village of Kent City and to transmit a certified copy of the said Order to the Clerk of the Village of Kent City and to the Secretary of State.

**3-23-06-23 – KENT HEALTH PLAN FUNDING APPROVAL /
ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE**

WHEREAS, for the past four years, the Kent Health Plan, a private, non-profit corporation, has provided primary care services for eligible County residents (200% of poverty) through State and local funds that are matched by federal funds; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the previous County funds utilized for this program should no longer be used to leverage federal funds for the Kent Health Plan because of rule and interpretation changes; and

WHEREAS, the County has sought to identify other County funds that could be utilized to leverage these federal funds; and

WHEREAS, the Child & Family Resource Council and network180 provide services eligible for delivery by the Kent Health Plan through Prevention Initiative funding; and

WHEREAS, transfer of these funds currently used to provide Prevention Initiative services to the State for distribution through the Kent Health Plan to Kent County allows them to be eligible for federal match and provides additional funding for indigent health care services within the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves participation in the Kent Health Plan by transferring \$777,000 for eligible services through the General Fund Prevention Initiative to the State Department of Community Health for distribution through the Kent Health Plan to Kent County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approves the County serving as a contract provider of the Kent Health Plan for primary prevention programming and substance abuse programming.

**3-23-06-24 – DELINQUENT 2005 REAL PROPERTY TAXES / AUTHORIZE
ISSUANCE OF "GENERAL OBLIGATION LIMITED TAX
NOTES, SERIES 2006" / TREASURER**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Kent (the "County") has heretofore adopted a resolution establishing the Kent County Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund (the "Fund") pursuant to Section 87b of Act No. 206, Public Acts of Michigan, 1893, as amended ("Act 206"); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Fund is to allow the Kent County Treasurer (the "County Treasurer") to pay from the Fund any or all delinquent real property taxes that are due and payable to the County and any school district, intermediate school district, community college district, city, township, special assessment district, the State of Michigan or any other political unit for which delinquent tax payments are due; and

WHEREAS, it is hereby determined to be necessary for the County to borrow money and issue its notes for the purposes authorized by Act 206, particularly Sections 87c, 87d and 87g thereof; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that the total amount of unpaid 2005 delinquent real property taxes (the "delinquent taxes") outstanding on March 1, 2006, will be approximately \$25,000,000, exclusive of interest, fees and penalties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Kent, State of Michigan, as follows:

Authorization of Borrowing

I. Pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of Act 206, Public Acts of Michigan, 1893, as amended, and especially Sections 87c, 87d and 87g thereof, the County shall borrow the sum of not to exceed Twenty Five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000) and issue its notes (the "notes") therefor for

the purpose of continuing the Fund for the 2005 tax year. The exact amount to be borrowed shall not exceed the amount of delinquent taxes outstanding on March 1, 2006, exclusive of interest, fees and penalties. The County Treasurer shall designate the exact amount to be borrowed after the amount of the 2005 delinquent taxes outstanding on March 1, 2006, or the portion of the 2005 delinquent taxes against which the County shall borrow, has been determined.

Note Details

2. Pursuant to provisions of applicable law and an order of the County Treasurer, which order is hereby authorized, the notes may be issued in one or more series; shall be known as "General Obligation Limited Tax Notes, Series 2006"; shall be in fully registered form in denominations not exceeding the aggregate principal amounts for each maturity of the notes; shall be sold for not less than 98% of the face amount of the notes; shall bear interest at fixed or variable rates not to exceed the maximum interest rate permitted by applicable law; shall be dated, payable as to interest and in principal amounts, be subject to redemption in whole or in part prior to maturity, including any redemption premiums, and be subject to renewal, at such times and in such amounts, all as shall be designated in the order of the County Treasurer. Notes or portions of notes called for redemption shall not bear interest after the redemption date, provided funds are on hand with the note registrar and paying agent to redeem the same. Notice of redemption shall be given in the manner prescribed by the County Treasurer. If any notes of any series are to bear interest at a variable rate or rates, the County Treasurer is hereby further authorized to establish by order, and in accordance with law, a means by which interest on such notes may be set, reset or calculated prior to maturity, provided that such rate or rates shall at no time be in excess of the maximum interest rate permitted by applicable law. Such rates may be established by reference to the minimum rate that would be necessary to sell the notes at par; by a formula that is determined with respect to an index or indices of municipal obligations, reported prices or yields on obligations of the United States or the prime rate or rates of a bank or banks selected by the County Treasurer; or by any other method selected by the County Treasurer.

Payment of Principal and Interest

3. The principal of and interest on the notes shall be payable in lawful money of the United States from such funds and accounts as provided herein. Principal shall be payable upon presentation and surrender of the notes to the note registrar and paying agent when and as the same shall become due, whether at maturity or earlier redemption. Interest shall be paid to the owner shown as the registered owner on the registration books at the close of business on such date prior to the date such interest payment is due, as is provided in the order of the County Treasurer. Interest on the notes shall be paid when due by check or draft drawn upon and mailed by the note registrar and paying agent to the registered owner at the registered address.

Note Registrar and Paying Agent

4. The County Treasurer shall designate, and may enter into an agreement with, a note registrar and paying agent for each series of notes that shall be the County Treasurer or a bank or trust company that is qualified to act in such capacity under the laws of the United States of America or the State of Michigan. The County Treasurer may from time to time designate a similarly qualified successor note registrar and paying agent.

Disposition of Note Proceeds

5. The proceeds of the sale of the notes shall be deposited into a separate account in the Fund (the "2006 Account") and shall be used to continue the Fund. The County Treasurer shall pay therefrom and from unpledged funds in the Fund, uncommitted funds in the County General Fund and/or any other legally available funds, if the notes are sold at a discount, the full amount of the delinquent tax roll against which the County has borrowed, delivered as uncollected by any tax collector in the County and that is outstanding and unpaid on or after March 1, 2006, in accordance with the provisions of Act 206.

2006 Collection Account

6. There is hereby established as part of the Fund an account (hereby designated the "2006 Collection Account") into which account the County Treasurer shall place delinquent taxes against which the County has borrowed, and interest thereon, collected on and after March 1, 2006, all County property tax administration fees on such delinquent taxes, after expenses of issuance of the notes have been paid, and any amounts received by the County Treasurer from the County and any taxing unit within the County, because of the uncollectibility of such delinquent taxes. The foregoing are hereby established as funds pledged to note repayment.

Note Reserve Fund

7. There is hereby authorized to be established by the County Treasurer a note reserve fund for the notes (the "2006 Note Reserve Fund") if the County Treasurer deems it to be reasonably required as a reserve and advisable in selling the notes at public or private sale. The County Treasurer is authorized to deposit in the 2006 Note Reserve Fund from proceeds of the sale of the notes, unpledged moneys in the Fund, uncommitted funds in the County General Fund and/or any other legally available funds, an amount not exceeding ten percent (10%) of the face amount of the notes.

Security for Payment of Notes

8. All of the moneys in the 2006 Collection Account and the 2006 Note Reserve Fund, if established, and all interest earned thereon, are hereby pledged equally and ratably as to each series to the payment of the principal of and interest on the notes and shall be used solely for that purpose until such principal and interest have been paid in full. When moneys in the 2006 Note Reserve Fund, if established, are sufficient to pay the outstanding principal of the notes and the interest accrued thereon, such moneys may be used to retire the notes.

Additional Security

9. Each series of notes, in addition, shall be a general obligation of the County, secured by its full faith and credit, which shall include the County's limited tax obligation, within applicable constitutional and statutory limits, and its general funds. The County budget shall provide that if the pledged delinquent taxes and any other pledged amounts are not collected in sufficient amounts to meet the payments of principal and interest due on each series of notes, the County, before paying any other budgeted amounts, will promptly advance from its general funds sufficient moneys to pay that principal and

interest. The County shall not have the power to impose taxes for payment of the notes in excess of constitutional or statutory limitations. If moneys in the 2006 Collection Account and the 2006 Note Reserve Fund, if established, are not sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the notes, when due, the County shall pay the same in accordance with this section, and may thereafter reimburse itself from the delinquent taxes collected.

Release of Pledge of 2006 Collection Account

10. Upon the investment of moneys in the 2006 Collection Account in direct non-callable obligations of the United States of America in amounts and with maturities that are sufficient to pay in full the principal of and interest on the notes when due, any moneys in the 2006 Collection Account thereafter remaining may be released from such pledge created pursuant to Section 8 hereof and may be used to pay any or all delinquent real property taxes that are due the County and any school district, intermediate school district, community college district, city, township, special assessment district, the State of Michigan or any other political unit to which delinquent tax payments are due for any other year or for any other purpose permitted by law.

Sale of Notes

11. The County Treasurer is hereby authorized to offer the notes at public or private sale as determined by order of the County Treasurer and to do all things necessary to effectuate the sale, delivery, transfer and exchange of the notes in accordance with the provisions of this resolution. Notes of one series may be offered for sale and sold separately from notes of another series. If the notes are to be sold publicly, sealed proposals for the purchase of the notes shall be received by the County Treasurer for such public sale to be held at such time as shall be determined by the County Treasurer and notice thereof shall be published in accordance with law, once in *The Bond Buyer* or the *Detroit Legal News*, both of which are hereby designated as being a publication printed in the English language and circulated in this State that carries as a part of its regular service, notices of sale of municipal bonds. Such notice shall be in the form prescribed by the County Treasurer.

The County Treasurer is hereby authorized to cause the preparation of an official statement for the notes for the purpose of enabling compliance with SEC Rule 15c2-12 (the "Rule") and to do all other things necessary to enable compliance with the Rule. After the award of the notes, the County will provide copies of a final official statement (as defined in paragraph (e)(3) of the Rule) on a timely basis and in reasonable quantity as requested by the successful bidder or bidders to enable such successful bidder or bidders to comply with paragraph (b)(4) of the Rule and the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board.

Continuing Disclosure

12. The County Treasurer is hereby authorized to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of the County (i) a certificate of the County to comply with the requirements for a continuing disclosure undertaking of the County pursuant to subsection (b)(5) or (d)(2) of the Rule, as applicable, and (ii) amendments to such certificate from time to time in accordance with the terms of such certificate (the certificate and any amendments thereto are collectively referred to herein as the "Continuing Disclosure Certificate"). The County hereby covenants and agrees that it will comply with and carry out all of the provisions of the Continuing Disclosure Certificate. The remedies for any failure of the County to comply with and carry out the provisions of the Continuing Disclosure Certificate shall be as set forth therein.

Execution and Delivery of Notes

13. The County Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to execute the notes for the County by manual or facsimile signature and the County Treasurer shall cause the County seal or a facsimile thereof to be impressed or imprinted on the notes. Unless the County Treasurer shall specify otherwise in writing, fully registered notes shall be authenticated by the manual signature of the note registrar and paying agent. After the notes have been executed and authenticated, if applicable, for delivery to the original purchaser thereof, the County Treasurer shall deliver the notes to the purchaser or purchasers thereof upon receipt of the purchase price. Additional notes bearing the manual or facsimile signature of the County Treasurer and upon which the seal of the County or a facsimile thereof is impressed or imprinted may be delivered to the note registrar and paying agent for authentication, if applicable, and delivery in connection with the exchange or transfer of fully registered notes. The note registrar and paying agent shall indicate on each note that it authenticates the date of its authentication. The notes shall be delivered with the approving legal opinion of Dickinson Wright PLLC, attorneys of Detroit, Michigan.

Exchange and Transfer of Fully Registered Notes

14. Any fully registered note, upon surrender thereof to the note registrar and paying agent with a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the note registrar and paying agent duly executed by the registered owner or his or her duly authorized attorney, at the option of the registered owner thereof, may be exchanged for notes of any other authorized denominations of the same aggregate principal amount and maturity date and bearing the same rate of interest as the surrendered note.

Each note shall be transferable only upon the books of the County, which shall be kept for that purpose by the note registrar and paying agent, upon surrender of such note together with a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the note registrar and paying agent duly executed by the registered owner or his or her duly authorized attorney.

Upon the exchange or transfer of any note, the note registrar and paying agent on behalf of the County shall cancel the surrendered note and shall authenticate, if applicable, and deliver to the transferee a new note or notes of any authorized denomination of the same aggregate principal amount and maturity date and bearing the same rate of interest as the surrendered note. If, at the time the note registrar and paying agent authenticates, if applicable, and delivers a new note pursuant to this section, payment of interest on the notes is in default, the note registrar and paying agent shall endorse upon the new note the following: "Payment of interest on this note is in default. The last date to which interest has been paid is [place date]."

The County and the note registrar and paying agent may deem and treat the person in whose name any note shall be registered upon the books of the County as the absolute owner of such note, whether such note shall be overdue or not, for the purpose of receiving payment of the principal of and interest on such note and for all other purposes, and all payments made to any such registered owner, or upon his or her order, in accordance with the provisions of Section 3 hereof shall be valid and effectual to satisfy and discharge the liability upon such note to the extent of the sum or sums so paid, and neither the County nor the note registrar and paying agent shall be affected by any notice to the contrary. The County agrees to indemnify and save the note registrar and paying agent harmless from and against any and all loss, cost, charge, expense, judgment or liability incurred by it, acting in good faith and without negligence hereunder, in so treating such registered owner.

For every exchange or transfer of notes, the County or the note registrar and paying agent may make a charge sufficient to reimburse it for any tax, fee or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to such exchange or transfer, which sum or sums shall be paid by the person requesting such exchange or transfer as a condition precedent to the exercise of the privilege of making such exchange or transfer.

The note registrar and paying agent shall not be required to transfer or exchange notes or portions of notes that have been selected for redemption.

Book Entry System

15. At the option of the County Treasurer and notwithstanding any provisions of this resolution to the contrary, the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with a custodian or trustee for the purpose of establishing a "book entry" system for registration of notes to be fully registered. Pursuant to provisions of such agreement, the notes may be registered in the name of the custodian or trustee for the benefit of other persons or entities. Such agreement shall provide for the keeping of accurate records and prompt transfer of funds by the custodian or trustee on behalf of such persons or entities. The agreement may provide for the issuance by the custodian or trustee of certificates evidencing beneficial ownership of the notes by such persons or entities. For the purpose of payment of the principal of and interest on the notes, the County may deem payment of such principal and interest, whether overdue or not, to the custodian or trustee as payment to the absolute owner of such note. Pursuant to provisions of such agreement, the book entry system for the notes may be used for registration of all or a portion of the notes and such system may be discontinued at any time by the County. The note registrar and paying agent for the notes may act as custodian or trustee for such purposes.

Issuance Expenses

16. Expenses incurred in connection with the issuance of the notes, including without limitation any premiums for any insurance obtained for the notes, note rating agency fees, travel and printing expenses, fees for agreements for lines of credit, letters of credit, commitments to purchase the notes, remarketing agreements, reimbursement agreements, purchase or sales agreements or commitments, or agreements to provide security to assure timely payment of the notes, fees for the setting of interest rates on the notes and bond counsel, financial advisor, paying agent and registrar fees, all of which are hereby authorized, shall be paid by the County Treasurer from County property tax administration fees on the delinquent taxes, from any other moneys in the Fund not pledged to the repayment of notes and general funds of the County that are hereby authorized to be expended for that purpose.

Replacement of Notes

17. Upon receipt by the County Treasurer of satisfactory evidence that any outstanding note has been mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen, and of security or indemnity complying with applicable law and satisfactory to the County Treasurer, the County Treasurer may execute or authorize the imprinting of the County Treasurer's facsimile signature thereon and thereupon, and if applicable, a note registrar or paying agent shall authenticate and the County shall deliver a new note of like tenor as the note mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen. Such new note shall be issued and delivered in exchange and substitution for, and upon surrender and cancellation of, the mutilated note or in lieu of and in substitution for the note so destroyed, lost or stolen in compliance with applicable law. For the replacement of authenticated notes, the note

registrar and paying agent shall, for each new note authenticated and delivered as provided above, require the payment of expenses, including counsel fees, which may be incurred by the note registrar and paying agent and the County in the premises. Any note issued under the provisions of this section in lieu of any note alleged to be destroyed, lost or stolen shall be on an equal basis with the note in substitution for which such note was issued.

Issuance of Refunding Notes

18. The County shall refund all or part of the notes authorized hereunder and/or notes previously issued by the County to continue the Fund for prior tax years if and as authorized by order of the County Treasurer through the issuance of refunding notes (the "Refunding Notes") in an amount to be determined by order of the County Treasurer. Proceeds of the Refunding Notes may be used to redeem such notes and to pay issuance expenses of the Refunding Notes as authorized and described in Section 16 hereof. The County Treasurer shall have all the authority with respect to the Refunding Notes as is granted to the County Treasurer with respect to the notes by the other Sections hereof, including the authority to select a note registrar and paying agent, to apply to the Michigan Department of Treasury for approval to issue the Refunding Notes, if necessary, to cause the preparation of an official statement and to do all other things necessary to sell, execute and deliver the Refunding Notes. The Refunding Notes shall contain the provisions, shall be payable as to principal and interest and shall be secured as set forth herein and as further ordered by the County Treasurer. The Refunding Notes may be sold as a separate issue or may be combined in a single issue with other obligations of the County issued pursuant to the provisions of Act 206 as shall be determined by the County Treasurer. The County Treasurer is authorized to prescribe the form of Refunding Note and the form of notice of sale, if any, for the sale of Refunding Notes.

Form of Notes

19. The notes shall be in the form approved by the County Treasurer, which approval shall be evidenced by the County Treasurer's execution thereof.

(Commissioner Hiddema asked that, c) the Reports of Cemetery Trust Fund and Unknown Legatee Account be removed from the consent agenda.)

Motion by Commissioner Agee, seconded by Commissioner Koorndyk, to approve the remaining consent agenda items.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Klein, Koorndyk, Vaughn, Mayhue, Postmus, Vander Molen, Agee, Morren, Voorhees, Boelema, Hiddema, Tanis, Horton, Rolls, Wahlfield, Vonk, Chair Morgan – 17.

Nays: 0.

Absent from room: Bulkowski – 1.

c) Reports of Cemetery Trust Fund and Unknown Legatee Account - Receive and File

Motion by Commissioner Agee, supported by Commissioner Tanis, that the Reports of Cemetery Trust Fund and Unknown Legatee Account be received and filed.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Klein, Koorndyk, Vaughn, Mayhue, Bulkowski, Postmus, Vander Molen,

Agee, Morren,
Voorhees, Boelema, Hiddema, Tanis, Horton, Rolls, Wahlfield, Vonk,
Chair Morgan –
18.
Nays: 0.

APPOINTMENT

Community Mental Health Authority Board

Motion by Commissioner Agee, supported by Commissioner Koorndyk, to appoint Lesa Hardiman-Bartz to the Community Mental Health Authority Board. Motion carried by voice vote.

RESOLUTIONS

3-23-06-25 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF A NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS / AERONAUTICS

WHEREAS, the County of Kent (the "County") proposes to issue its tax-exempt revenue bonds (the "Bonds") under Act 94, Public Acts of Michigan, 1933, as amended, and Act 327, Public Acts of Michigan, 1945, as amended, to finance capital improvements to the Gerald R. Ford International Airport consisting of acquiring, constructing, furnishing and equipping a new parking structure and related improvements, including but not limited to roadway modifications, a utility tunnel, an entrance vehicular plaza, a terminal curbside roadway canopy, escalator lobbies and pedestrian sky bridges (collectively the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the County will advance a portion of the costs of the Project prior to the issuance of the Bonds, such advance to be repaid from proceeds of the Bonds upon the issuance thereof; and

WHEREAS, Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations on Income Tax (the "Reimbursement Regulations") specifies conditions under which a reimbursement allocation may be treated as an expenditure of bond proceeds, and the County intends by this resolution to qualify amounts advanced by the County to the Project for reimbursement from proceeds of the Bonds in accordance with the requirements of the Reimbursement Regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Kent, Michigan, as follows:

1. The Project shall consist of the capital improvements described in the preamble hereto.
2. The maximum principal amount of Bonds expected to be issued for the Project is \$130,000,000.
3. The County hereby declares its official intent to issue the Bonds to finance part of the costs of the Project, and hereby declares that it reasonably expects to reimburse the County's advances to the Project as anticipated by this resolution.
4. The Bonds shall be authorized by proper proceedings subsequent to this resolution.
5. The County Clerk is hereby instructed to publish the following notice once in a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Kent, to wit:

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS
BY THE COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN**

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the County of Kent, Michigan, intends to issue revenue bonds in one or more series in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$130,000,000 for the purpose of defraying part of the cost of capital improvements to the Gerald R. Ford International Airport (the "Airport"), consisting of acquiring, constructing, furnishing and equipping a new parking structure and related improvements, including but not limited to roadway modifications, a utility tunnel, an entrance vehicular plaza, a terminal curbside roadway canopy, escalator lobbies and pedestrian sky bridges.

The bonds will mature in not to exceed thirty (30) years and will bear interest at rates to be determined at a competitive or negotiated sale but in no event to exceed such rates as may be permitted by law.

The bonds will be issued under the provisions of Act 94, Public Acts of Michigan, 1933, as amended, Act 327, Public Acts of Michigan, 1945, as amended, and a resolution or ordinance of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Kent and will be payable from the net revenues of the Airport and any improvements, enlargements and extensions thereto, and a statutory lien on the net revenues will be established by such resolution or ordinance. The County of Kent will covenant and agree to fix and maintain at all times while any of the bonds shall be outstanding such rates for service furnished by the Airport as shall be sufficient to provide for payment of the necessary expenses of operation, maintenance and administration of the Airport and of the principal of and interest on the bonds when due, to create a bond and interest redemption fund and to provide for such other expenditures and funds for the Airport as are required by the resolution or ordinance authorizing the issuance of the bonds. In addition, the County of Kent intends to agree in the resolution or ordinance authorizing the issuance of the bonds that if the net revenues pledged for payment of the bonds are not sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds as the same become due, the County will advance sufficient funds out of its general funds for such payment. The County's ability to levy taxes to advance such funds is subject to constitutional and statutory limitations on the taxing power of the County.

RIGHT TO PETITION FOR REFERENDUM

This notice is given, by order of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Kent, to and for the benefit of the electors and taxpayers of the County of Kent in order to inform them of their right to petition for a referendum upon the question of the issuance of the aforesaid bonds. The bonds will be issued, without submitting such a question to a vote of the electors, unless within 45 days after the date of publication of this notice, a petition requesting a referendum upon such question, signed by not less than 10% or 15,000 of the registered electors in the County of Kent, whichever is less, shall have been filed with the undersigned County Clerk. In the event that such a petition is filed, the bonds will not be issued unless and until the issuance thereof shall have been approved by the vote of a majority of the electors of the County of Kent qualified to vote and voting thereon at a general or special election.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information relative to the issuance of the bonds and the subject matter of this notice may be secured at the office of the Kent County

Department of Aeronautics, 5500 44th Street, S.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49512.

This notice is given pursuant to the provisions of Section 33 of Act 94, Public Acts of Michigan, 1933, as amended.

6. All prior resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they may be in conflict with this resolution are hereby rescinded.

Motion by Commissioner Rolls, supported by Commissioner Agee, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Klein, Koorndyk, Vaughn, Mayhue, Bulkowski, Postmus, Vander Molen, Agee, Morren, Voorhees, Boelema, Hiddema, Tanis, Horton, Rolls, Wahlfield, Vonk, Chair Morgan – 18.

Nays: 0.

3-23-06-26 – REVISIONS TO PARKS DEPARTMENT FEES – OPEN SHELTERS, SHELTERHOUSES, AND MILLENNIUM PARK BEACH AND SPLASH PAD / PARKS

WHEREAS, as required by the County Fiscal Policy – Fees and Charges, departments are required to review their fees and charges annually and to forward recommended changes to the Board of Commissioners. As a result of the continued budgetary limitations of the County, the consistently high use by the public of certain amenities, and the resulting demands on infrastructure and operations, Parks and Administrative staff conducted a broader review of potential revenue opportunities within the park system; and

WHEREAS, the review was done with respect to the following guiding principles: 1) Consistency with the existing policy of allowing passively developed or open land to be accessible without fees; 2) Fees for amenities should be as minimal as possible while still supporting revenue requirements; 3) Fees should only be charged where cost-effective and able to generate sufficient revenue to offset the cost of collection; 4) Fees should be reflective of the value of the experience; and 5) Collection systems should be user-friendly and non-invasive, with efficient and effective administrative and collection systems; and

WHEREAS, after a review of various recreational opportunities within the parks system and in consideration of the above criteria, it is proposed that the County begin to charge fees at the Millennium Park Beach Area and Splash Pad in 2006. The Beach, Beach House and Splash Pad provide for an active recreational experience and represent distinct amenities; utilization is high and operation and maintenance costs are significant so as to warrant a fee. Finally, the value of the experience, and the need to sustain that value, support the proposed fee structure; and

WHEREAS, the proposed 2006 fee schedule, which is based on the 2006 operations budget of the Park, also takes into consideration the cost of other swimming features and recreational venues in the area. Access to the passive recreation portion of the Park will remain open without charge within the confines of the Parks Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Parks Department is also recommending an increase to the rental rates for Open Shelter and Shelterhouses. The rates were last increased for the 2004 season. Due to the 12-month reservation cycle for shelters, the new rates are proposed to take affect with reservations made after March 31, 2006.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the following revisions to the Parks Department Fee Schedule:

Open Shelter Rates:	\$ 90.00 Townsend Park \$115.00 Electric & Water Hook Up \$140.00 Millennium Park
Shelter Houses	\$150.00/Session (M-Th) \$220.00/Session (Fri – Sun) \$275.00/Session (Douglas Walker Winter Rates)
Millennium Beach and Spray Park Area	Adults (ages 16 -62): \$3/daily
Memorial Day – Labor Day	Seniors (age 63 +): \$2/daily Children (3-15): \$1/daily

Motion by Commissioner Vaughn, supported by Commissioner Postmus, that the resolution be adopted. (Commissioner Mayhue requested a roll call vote.)

Motion by Commissioner Bulkowski, supported by Commissioner Mayhue, to postpone until the next board meeting.

Motion to postpone failed:

Yeas: Mayhue, Bulkowski, Hiddema, Horton – 4.

Nays: Klein, Koorndyk, Vaughn, Postmus, Vander Molen, Agee, Morren, Voorhees, Boelema, Tanis, Rolls, Wahlfield, Vonk, Chair Morgan – 14.

Motion to adopt resolution carried:

Yeas: Koorndyk, Vaughn, Mayhue, Postmus, Vander Molen, Agee, Morren, Voorhees, Boelema, Tanis, Rolls, Wahlfield, Vonk, Chair Morgan – 14.

Nays: Klein, Bulkowski, Hiddema, Horton – 4.

CLOSED SESSION

At 10:05 a.m. Commissioner Koorndyk, supported by Commissioner Vaughn, moved to meet in closed session pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Section 15.268(d), to consider the purchase of real property by the County.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Klein, Koorndyk, Vaughn, Mayhue, Bulkowski, Postmus, Vander Molen, Agee, Morren, Voorhees, Boelema, Hiddema, Tanis, Horton, Rolls, Wahlfield, Vonk, Chair Morgan – 18.

Nays: 0.

At 10:30 a.m., Commissioner Koorndyk, supported by Commissioner Tanis, moved to go back into open session.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Klein, Koorndyk, Vaughn, Mayhue, Bulkowski, Postmus, Vander Molen, Agee, Morren, Voorhees, Boelema, Hiddema, Tanis, Horton, Rolls, Wahlfield, Vonk, Chair Morgan – 18.

Nays: 0.

RESOLUTIONS

3-23-06-27 – PURCHASE OF PROPERTY – MILLENNIUM PARK / PARKS

WHEREAS, Arnold P. and Lois E. Bordewyk own property at 1084 and 1150 Maynard in Walker, MI, within the foot print of Millennium Park; and

WHEREAS, the County is interested in purchasing the property for inclusion in Millennium Park; and

WHEREAS, the properties are eligible for MDNR Trust Fund Grant dollars in the amount of \$354,830 plus eligible closing costs, towards the purchase price; and

WHEREAS, the purchase agreement has been reviewed and approved as to form by Legal Counsel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves purchasing the property at 1084 and 1150 Maynard, Walker (Parcel numbers 41-13-33-376-025 and 41-13-33-376-010), at a sale price of \$800,000, plus closing costs.

Motion by Commissioner Koorndyk, supported by Commissioner Vander Molen, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Klein, Koorndyk, Vaughn, Bulkowski, Postmus, Vander Molen, Agee, Morren, Voorhees, Boelema, Hiddema, Tanis, Horton, Wahlfeld, Vonk, Chair Morgan – 16.

Nays: Mayhue, Rolls - 2.

REPORTS

Judgeship Committee

Commissioner Koorndyk said that the Committee has finished their report and it will be forwarded to the Board this week.

MISCELLANEOUS

Congratulations

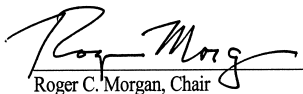
Chair Morgan extended congratulations to Jim Day, Executive Assistant to the Board of Commissioners, for his 25 year anniversary as a county employee.

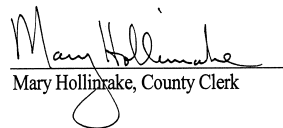
Regional Planning

Commissioner Morren stated that, with the recent talk of expanding airports in neighboring counties, he would like to think that the Gerald R. Ford International Airport could be the airport for all. Why spend dollars to fix up all of the surrounding airports when that money could be spent at the Ford Airport making it more attractive to lure business and carriers to the entire area?

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:32 a.m., Commissioner Agee moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, April 13, 2006, 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

PROCEEDINGS

of the
Kent County Board of Commissioners
April 13, 2006 – Regular Meeting

Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Vice Chair Dan Koorndyk.

Present: Commissioners Agee, Boelema, Bulkowski, Hiddema, Horton, Klein, Koorndyk, Mast, Mayhue, Morren, Postmus, Rolls, Tanis, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Voorhees, Wahlfield – 17.

Absent: Vonk, Chair Morgan – 2 (Excused).

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kristi Sallie, 2321 Kent Blvd., Grand Rapids – It was the Chief Medical Examiner's (ME) duty and responsibility to address the issues that she brought before the BOC regarding her mother, Annie Mae Sallie - he has not. The Chief ME has a conflict of interest because he is also a Spectrum Health doctor. He is a shareholder of Laboratory Pathology Specialists. She also complained about the doctor who admitted their mother to the hospital. She does not want the medical examiner reappointed.

Mona Sallie, 2321 Kent Blvd., Grand Rapids – She wants the BOC to compare "evidence" that the Sallie Family has presented with the official medical record. The Sallies will continue to come before the Board until Mrs. Sallie's death is investigated.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Metro Health Presentation

Jim Childress, Vice President of Community Relations for Metro Health, gave an update on Metro Health. Its mission: To improve the health and well being of our communities. Metropolitan Hospital changed its name in October 2005 to Metro Health Hospital. The new name anticipates the hospital's move to its new location at Metro Health Village (170-acres in suburban Wyoming) in 2007. Currently, Metro Health employs 2,200 people, including 400 physicians and along with the hospital they have 10 neighborhood outpatient centers. The Metro Health Village currently under construction, will include 40 buildings; provide 3,000 jobs, and service approximately 130,000 patients annually. It will be LEED certified. Metro Health recently received the Making Medicine Mercury Free Award and the Partners for Change Award by Hospitals for a Healthy Environment. These awards are based on efforts since 1999 to eliminate mercury and waste. Their goal is to provide the best patient, physician, community and employee experience.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of March 23, 2006 Meeting & Work Session

- b) March 21 & April 4, 2006 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
(Reports of Claims and Allowances)
- c) Establish a Public Hearing Date and Time – April 27, 2006, 8:30 a.m.
Re: Appointed Drain Commissioner

Motion by Commissioner Mast, seconded by Commissioner Postmus, to approve the consent agenda items.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Agee, Boeema, Bulkowski, Hiddema, Horton, Klein, Mast, Mayhue, Morren, Postmus, Rolls, Tanis, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Voorhees, Wahlfield, Vice Chair Koorndyk – 17.

Nays: 0.

RESOLUTIONS

4-13-06-28 – ADDITION OF CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, TWO COURT CLERKS, TWO ASSISTANT PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS AND .25 FTE DOCKET CLERK / CIRCUIT COURT, PROSECUTOR, CLERK

WHEREAS, every two years, the State Court Administrator's Office (SCAO) is required to evaluate the State's judicial resources and to make recommendations regarding the number of judgeships required. In both 2003 and 2005, the SCAO has recommended an additional Judgeship for the 17th Circuit Court; and

WHEREAS, due to various reasons, including the fact that two new judges had just been added in 2003 and as a result the 2003 recommendation did not fully consider the impact that they would have on the Court, the previous judgeship subcommittee did not recommend adding the additional judgeship. In 2005, the SCAO again identified that the 17th Circuit Court needed one additional judge, and a subcommittee of Commissioners Koorndyk (chair), Hiddema, Mast, Morren, Vaughn, and Voorhees was appointed to evaluate the request; and

WHEREAS, the Subcommittee believes that the 2005 study did include the impact of the additional resources added in 2003, and agreed with the SCAO findings that the County's caseload, population growth, and economy supported the addition of one judgeship to the 17th Circuit Court; and

WHEREAS, the Subcommittee met with the Chief Circuit Court Judge, County Prosecutor, County Clerk, and Circuit Court Administrator to assess the impact of an additional judge on existing resources and determined that the addition of a new judge will require the addition of two Circuit Court Clerks, two Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys, and a .25 FTE Docket Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the Subcommittee noted that while the realization of short-term (two-year) revenue increases minimize the financial hardship on the County to pay for the new positions at this time, the uncertainty of the County's financial situation in 2011 and beyond will require the Court and the County to be diligent to both expenditure and revenue activities with both short- and long-term impact, and may require the Court to consider alternative staffing patterns and operations in the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby approves, the addition of one Circuit Court Judge, two Circuit Court Clerks (UAW 19), two Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys (POLC) and .25 FTE Docket Clerk (UAW 17), effective January 1, 2007; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board will include a General Fund appropriation of \$350,052 in the 2007 Operating Budget to fund the positions and associated office space, furnishings, and equipment, contingent upon approval of the addition of one Judgeship for the 17th Circuit Court and

appropriation of State funding by the State Legislature and the approval of the Governor.

Motion by Commissioner Klein, supported by Commissioner Morren, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Agee, Boelema, Bulkowski, Hiddema, Horton, Klein, Mast, Morren, Postmus, Rolls, Tanis, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Voorhees, Wahlfield, Vice Chair Koorndyk – 16.

Nays: Mayhue - 1.

4-13-06-29 – AUTHORIZE THE DRAIN COMMISSIONER TO REQUIRE A CASH DEPOSIT FOR SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION / PETITION / DRAIN COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Michigan Drain Code provides that the County Board of Commissioners may instruct the Drain Commissioner to require cash deposits prior to action taken on an application or petition; and

WHEREAS, a cash deposit protects the County, municipalities, and property owners in a drainage district from paying for costs incurred for applications and/or petitions where work is found not necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Drain Commissioner has requested the ability to require a cash deposit at his discretion for costs incurred by the Drain Commissioner related to an application where a drainage district is not established and/or related to a petition where the drain or maintenance and improvement is not found necessary and conducive to the public, health, or welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners authorizes:

1. The Kent County Drain Commissioner shall require a cash deposit for an application to establish a drainage district submitted under the Michigan Drain Code, MCL 280.1 *et seq*, in an amount determined by the Drain Commissioner up to any amount sufficient to cover the preliminary costs prior to acceptance of an application, consistent with MCL 280.51.
2. The Kent County Drain Commissioner shall require a cash deposit for a petition for the establishment of a drain, or the maintenance and improvement of a drain under the Michigan Drain Code, MCL 280.1 *et seq*, in an amount determined necessary by the Drain Commissioner to cover preliminary costs related to the Board of Determination.
3. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as the same may be in conflict herewith are hereby rescinded.

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

Motion by Commissioner Wahlfield, supported by Commissioner Mayhue, that the resolution be amended as follows: 3rd WHEREAS - remove words "has requested the ability" and replace with the word "shall." After discussion Commissioner Wahlfield, supported by Commissioner Mayhue, withdrew his motion.

Motion to adopt resolution carried by voice vote.

**4-13-06-30 – CORRECTION AND DETENTION MILLAGE FUND BUDGET
AMENDMENT / SHERIFF**

WHEREAS, the Correction and Detention Millage Fund accounts for expenditures incurred to expand, remodel, equip, operate, maintain and defray debt service for Kent County Correction and Detention facilities; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2006, staff presented a report entitled "Corrections and Detention Millage Committee Report and Recommendations" to a Work Session of the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the recommendations in the report included a request for a supplemental Fiscal Year 2006 appropriation for the purpose of securing architectural/engineering services to provide a comprehensive analysis of the programming, space and infrastructure needs of the facility,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the appropriation of an additional \$75,000 in the Fiscal Year 2006 Correction and Detention Millage Fund Budget.

Motion by Commissioner Tanis, supported by Commissioner Rolls, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Agee, Boelema, Bulkowski, Hiddema, Horton, Klein, Mast, Mayhue, Morren, Postmus, Rolls, Tanis, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Voorhees, Wahlfield, Vice Chair Koorndyk – 17.

Nays: 0.

CLOSED SESSION

At 9:21 a.m., Commissioner Agee, supported by Commissioner Morren, moved to meet in closed session pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Section 8E (to consult with legal counsel regarding litigation or settlement strategy in connection with the *Thurman* lawsuit as an open meeting would have a detrimental and financial effect on the litigation for settlement position of the County and, pursuant to Section 8H of the Open Meetings Act, to consider written communications protected by attorney client privilege and exempt from disclosure under Section 13-1H of the FOIA).

Motion carried:

Yeas: Agee, Boelema, Bulkowski, Hiddema, Horton, Klein, Mast, Mayhue, Morren, Postmus, Rolls, Tanis, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Voorhees, Wahlfield, Vice Chair Koorndyk – 17.

Nays: 0.

At 10:00 a.m., Commissioner Koorndyk, supported by Commissioner Tanis, moved to go back into open session.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Agee, Boelema, Bulkowski, Hiddema, Horton, Klein, Mast, Mayhue, Morren, Postmus, Rolls, Tanis, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Voorhees, Wahlfield, Vice Chair Koorndyk – 17.

Nays: 0.

RESOLUTIONS**4-13-06-31 - LITIGATION**

WHEREAS, on or about March 11, 2003, Willie Thurman was transported to the Kent County Correctional Facility by the Grand Rapids Police Department on a charge of auto theft, and died sometime thereafter, and;

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2005, Mr. Thurman's personal representative filed suit against the County and several corrections officers on various theories of legal liability, and;

WHEREAS, the County has steadfastly denied liability and vigorously defended itself against all allegations raised in Plaintiff's Complaint, and;

WHEREAS, the County has engaged in two mediations concerning this case in an effort to settle it in the County's best interests at the lowest cost, and;

WHEREAS, it is in the County's best interests to accept the last negotiated settlement of Two Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$275,000.00) to avoid the continuing and escalating costs of defense and the inherent uncertainty of litigation, and;

WHEREAS, in exchange for the sum of Two Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$275,000.00), the Plaintiff, who initially demanded \$1.4 million in damages, has agreed to remove individual officers as parties defendant and dismiss the case in its entirety with prejudice, and;

WHEREAS, the County and plaintiff will enter into an agreement for settlement of this matter, including a provision that the terms and conditions of the settlement shall remain confidential.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners appropriates the sum of Two Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$275,000.00) in settlement of all claims against it in Case No. 1:05-CV-0177, including all costs and attorney fees, and directs the County Administrator/Controller and legal counsel to prepare and enter into appropriate agreements.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Agee, Boelema, Bulkowski, Hiddema, Horton, Klein, Mast, Mayhue, Morren, Postmus, Tanis, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Voorhees, Wahlfield, Vice Chair Koorndyk – 16.

Nays: Rolls - 1.

REPORTS

There were no reports.

MISCELLANEOUS**Jail Tour**

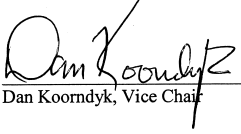
Commissioners Tanis & Boelema encouraged all Commissioners to tour the jail facilities.

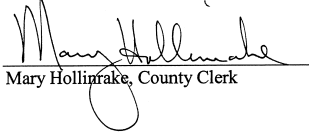
Downtown Development Authority

Commissioner Mayhue announced that the DDA voted on Wednesday, April 12th, to look at the addition of a movie theatre in downtown Grand Rapids.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:05 a.m., Commissioner Mast moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, April 27, 2006, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 8:30 a.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Postmus. Motion carried.


Dan Koorndyk, Vice Chair


Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk

PROCEEDINGS

of the
Kent County Board of Commissioners
April 27, 2006 – Regular Meeting

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

Present: Commissioners Agee, Boelema, Bulkowski, Hiddema, Horton, Klein, Koorndyk, Mast, Mayhue, Morren, Postmus, Rolls, Tanis, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Vonk, Voorhees, Wahlfield, Chair Morgan – 19.

Absent: None.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kristi Sallie, 2321 Kent Blvd., Grand Rapids – She does not feel that doctors who treated her mother during her hospital stay are being held responsible.

Mona Sallie, 2321 Kent Blvd., Grand Rapids – Talked about accountability and the Board's "responsibility" to investigate her mother's death. Again reiterated that she will continue to come before the Board until something is done with regard to investigating her mother's death.

(Chair Morgan informed the Sallie Family that the Board's previous request asking for a signed release will be dropped. However, the Board will still ask for a copy of the private autopsy report.)

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Kent County Family & Children's Coordinating Council Annual Report

Carol Paine-McGovern and Wendy Lewis-Jackson reviewed the KCFCCC's Annual Report (copy on file in the Office of the County Clerk) with action plan highlights.

Financial Overview

Bob White, Fiscal Services Director, reviewed the county's financial overview (copy on file in the Office of the County Clerk).

GFOA Award

Bob White, Fiscal Services Director, presented to Chair Morgan the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association. Kent County received this for its 2004 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of April 13, 2006 Meeting
- b) April 18, 2006 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
(Reports of Claims and Allowances)

- c) Appointment: Community Mental Health Authority Board – Charles Brown
- d) Resolutions:

4-27-06-32 – MANAGEMENT PAY PLAN BENEFIT CHANGES / HUMAN RESOURCES

WHEREAS, the County has recently settled contracts with three bargaining units, including UAW Local 2600, the County's largest bargaining unit; and

WHEREAS, these contracts include a number of changes to benefits, including moving to a 10% uncapped premium contribution for medical and prescription benefits, changing prescription drug co-pays, changing dental benefits, increasing the County supplement for retiree health care, and adding additional bereavement time for death in the family; and

WHEREAS, the following changes will maintain consistency between Management Pay Plan and bargaining unit benefits: Change prescription drug co-pays from \$10 for all prescriptions to \$10 generic, \$15 formulary/brand name, and \$30 non-formulary prescriptions. Increase the dental benefit annual maximum from \$1,600 to \$1,800 for 2006 and \$2,000 for 2007. Add brothers- and sisters-in-law to the list of family members where up to three days of paid funeral leave are provided; and

WHEREAS, the changes will be effective as soon as administratively possible.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approves the Management Pay Plan benefit changes for 2006 and 2007.

4-27-06-33 – APPROVE THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ANNUAL ACTION PLAN & BUDGET AMENDMENT / COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, Kent County has qualified as an Urban County, which makes it eligible to receive funds from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for its 25th year as an entitlement community; and

WHEREAS, the five-year Consolidated Plan for July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2010, consists of a needs assessment, market analysis and related goals and objectives, and is a prerequisite of obtaining Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME), and American Dream Down payment Initiative (ADDI) funding from HUD; and

WHEREAS, the grant application, referred to as the Annual Action Plan, contains a description and budget for CDBG, HOME, and ADDI-funded activities proposed to be undertaken between July 1, 2006, and June 30, 2007, including CDBG projects requested by 32 local units of government as well as one project requested by the Kent County Parks Department for improvements at Dwight Lydell Park (\$50,000); and

WHEREAS, the application seeks \$3,118,443 in funding that includes CDBG \$1,567,843, HOME \$609,381, ADDI \$14,877, recognizes an additional \$325,000 that will be provided by reprogramming previous funds, along with \$415,326 that is not programmed but allocated to participating communities, \$111,016 that is currently unallocated but will be programmed to participating communities/non-profits and/or housing rehabilitation programs, and \$75,000 anticipated as income from the CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve the Housing and Community Development Annual Action Plan for July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007; and

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby appropriates \$3,118,443 in estimated revenues to the 2006-07 CDBG, HOME, and ADDI programs contingent upon award and execution of a contract.

**4-27-06-34 – REFUSE DISPOSAL SYSTEM REFUNDING BONDS - SERIES
2006A & SERIES 2006B / PUBLIC WORKS**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Act 185, Public Acts of Michigan, 1957, as amended ("Act 185"), the Board of Commissioners of the County of Kent (the "County") authorized and directed that there be established, maintained and operated a countywide system or systems of refuse disposal and services, and designated the Board of Public Works of the County to be the agency of the County for the purposes set forth in Act 185; and

WHEREAS, by the terms of Act 185 and Act 202, Public Acts of Michigan, 1943, as amended, the County has previously issued its Refuse Disposal System Refunding Bonds (Limited Tax General Obligation), Series 1997A, in the aggregate principal amount of \$82,590,000 (the "1997 Bonds"), the proceeds of which were used to refund the County's Refuse Disposal System Refunding Bonds, Series 1987 (the "1987 Bonds"), which 1987 Bonds were issued to provide long term financing for the acquisition, construction and equipping of a mass-burn energy-generating incinerator and related facilities, including district heating and cooling facilities, in the City of Grand Rapids (collectively, the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the 1997 Bonds are payable in the first instance from revenues derived by the County from the operation of the Project, but are also secured by a pledge of the County's full faith and credit, thus obligating the County to advance moneys from its general fund to pay principal of and interest on the 1997 Bonds in the event that such revenues fail to be sufficient for such purpose; and

WHEREAS, the 1997 Bonds remain outstanding in the aggregate principal amount of \$47,930,000, mature in various principal amounts in the years 2006 through 2010 and bear interest at the rate of 5.00% per annum; and

WHEREAS, Part VI of Act No. 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended, authorizes the County to refund all or any part of its outstanding securities; and

WHEREAS, the County has received a proposal from UBS Securities LLC (the "Underwriter") to refund part of the outstanding 1997 Bonds; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the County that bonds be sold to refund part of the 1997 Bonds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Kent County Board of Commissioners as follows:

1. DEFINITIONS. Unless the context otherwise requires, the terms defined in this Section 1 shall, for all purposes of this Bond Resolution and the recitals herein, have the following meanings:

(a) "Act 34" means Act No. 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended.

(b) "Act 185" means Act No. 185, Public Acts of Michigan, 1957, as amended.

(c) "Act 202" means Act No. 202, Public Acts of Michigan, 1943, as amended.

(d) "Additional Bonds" means bonds or other evidences of indebtedness issued by the County to finance the costs of improvements to the Project or to refund any of the Bonds, which bonds or other evidences of indebtedness shall be secured by a pledge of the full faith and credit of the County and shall be a limited tax general obligation of the County.

(e) "Bonds" means, collectively, the 1997 Bonds, the 1998 Bonds, the 2006 Bonds and any Additional Bonds.

(f) "County" means the County of Kent, Michigan.

(g) "Debt Service Fund" means the fund originally established pursuant to Section 13 of the 1997 Bond Resolution and re-established pursuant to Section 14 of the 1998 Bond Resolution.

(h) "Interest Payment Date" means each May 1 and November 1.

(i) "MBI" means the mass-burn energy-generating incinerator owned by the County and located at 950 Market, S.W. in the City of Grand Rapids.

(j) "1997 Bond Resolution" means the resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County on July 10, 1997, as amended on August 28, 1997, authorizing the issuance of the 1997 Bonds.

(k) "1997 Bonds" means the Kent County Refuse Disposal Refunding Bonds (Limited Tax General Obligation), Series 1997A.

(l) "1998 Bond Resolution" means the resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County on November 24, 1998, authorizing the issuance of the 1998 Bonds.

(m) "1998 Bonds" means, collectively, the 1998A Bonds and the 1998B Bonds.

(n) "1998A Bonds" means the Kent County Refuse Disposal System Bonds (Limited Tax General Obligation), Series 1998A.

(o) "1998B Bonds" means the Kent County Refuse Disposal System Bonds (Limited Tax General Obligation), Series 1998B.

(p) "Project" means the improvement, enlargement and extension of the Kent County Refuse Disposal System by the acquisition by the County of the MBI and related facilities including facilities for or contracts for the sale and/or distribution of steam and/or electric energy, all of which facilities are located in the City of Grand Rapids.

(q) "Revenue Fund" means the fund established pursuant to Section 16 of the 1997 Bond Resolution.

(r) "Revenues" means all moneys and revenues received by the County directly or indirectly from or with respect to the operation of the Project, including but not limited to all revenues and other amounts derived from tipping fees to be charged by the County at the MBI for services rendered at the MBI to any user thereof, all revenues and other amounts derived from the sale of steam, electricity or other energy or by-products recovered at or generated by the Project and damage payments by any operator of any element of the Project intended to compensate the County for lost energy revenues, and all investment income derived from moneys on deposit in the Revenue Fund.

(s) "2006 Bond Resolution" means this resolution, as it may be amended and supplemented from time to time in accordance with the terms hereof.

(t) "2006 Bonds" means, collectively, the 2006A Bonds and the 2006B Bonds.

(u) "2006A Bonds" means the Kent County Refuse Disposal System Refunding Bonds (Limited Tax General Obligation), Series 2006A, authorized to be issued pursuant to Section 2(a) of this 2006 Bond Resolution.

(v) "2006B Bonds" means the Kent County Refuse Disposal System Refunding Bonds (Limited Tax General Obligation), Series 2006B, authorized to be issued pursuant to Section 2(b) of this 2006 Bond Resolution.

(w) "Vendor Agreement" means a contract or contracts with one or more vendors to operate the Project, and as of the date of adoption of this 2006 Bond Resolution is the Amended and Restated Construction and Service Agreement dated as of October 1, 1987, between the County and Covanta Kent, Inc., as successor to Ogden Martin Systems of Kent, Inc., and as further amended from time to time.

2. AUTHORIZATION OF BONDS. (a) A series of Bonds of the County designated "Kent County Refuse Disposal System Refunding Bonds (Limited Tax General Obligation), Series 2006A" shall be issued and sold pursuant to the provisions of this 2006 Bond Resolution, Act 185, Act 34, and other applicable laws, in the principal amount of not to exceed Thirty-Nine Million Seven Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$39,760,000) for the purpose of paying part of the costs of refunding part of the outstanding 1997 Bonds.

(b) A second series of Bonds of the County designated "Kent County Refuse Disposal System Refunding Bonds (Limited Tax General Obligation), Series 2006B", with appropriate additional or alternative designations as determined by the Chairman of the Board of Public Works at the time of sale, shall be issued and sold pursuant to the provisions of this 2006 Bond Resolution, Act 185, Act 34, and other applicable laws, in the principal amount of not to exceed Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) for the purpose of paying part of the costs of refunding part of the outstanding 1997 Bonds.

3. BOND DETAILS. Each series of the 2006 Bonds shall be issued in the aggregate principal amount and be dated as of such date as shall be determined by the Chairman of the Board of Public Works at the time of sale; shall be numbered from 1 upwards in order of authentication; shall be fully registered; shall be in the denomination of \$5,000 each or any integral multiple thereof not exceeding the aggregate principal amount for each maturity at the option of the purchaser thereof; shall bear interest at a rate or rates not exceeding 6.50% per annum to be determined by the Chairman of the Board of Public Works at the time of sale payable on each May 1 and November 1 as determined by the Chairman of the Board of Public Works at the time of sale; and shall mature on November 1 in such years (no later than November 1, 2007, in the case of the 2006B Bonds, and no later than November 1, 2010, in the case of the 2006A Bonds) and in such amounts as shall be determined by the Chairman of the Board of Public Works at the time of sale.

4. PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST. The principal of and interest on the 2006 Bonds shall be payable in lawful money of the United States. Principal shall be payable upon presentation and surrender of the 2006 Bonds to the bond registrar and paying agent as they severally mature. Interest shall be paid to the registered owner of each 2006 Bond as shown on the registration books at the close of business on the 15th day of the calendar month preceding the month in which the interest payment is due (the "Interest Payment Record Date"). Interest shall be paid when due by check or draft drawn upon and mailed by the bond registrar and paying agent to the registered owner on the Interest Payment Record Date at the registered address as of said Date.

5. BOOK-ENTRY SYSTEM. Initially, one fully-registered bond for each maturity of each series of the 2006 Bonds, in the aggregate amount of such maturity, shall be issued in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") for the benefit of other parties (the "Participants") in the book-entry-only transfer system of DTC. In the event the County determines that it is in the best interest of the County not to continue the

book-entry system of transfer or that the interests of the holders of the 2006 Bonds might be adversely affected if the book-entry system of transfer is continued, the County may notify DTC and the bond registrar and paying agent, whereupon DTC will notify the Participants of the availability through DTC of bond certificates. In such event, the bond registrar and paying agent shall deliver, transfer and exchange bond certificates as requested by DTC and any Participant or "beneficial owner" in appropriate amounts in accordance with this 2006 Bond Resolution. DTC may determine to discontinue providing its services with respect to the 2006 Bonds at any time by giving notice to the County and the bond registrar and paying agent and discharging its responsibilities with respect thereto under applicable law or the County may determine that DTC is incapable of discharging its duties and may so advise DTC. In either such event, the County shall use reasonable efforts to locate another securities depository. Under such circumstances (if there is no successor securities depository), the County and the bond registrar and paying agent shall be obligated to deliver bond certificates in accordance with the procedures established by this 2006 Bond Resolution. In the event bond certificates are issued, the provisions of this 2006 Bond Resolution shall apply to, among other things, the transfer and exchange of such certificates and the method of payment of principal of and interest on such certificates. Whenever DTC requests the County and the bond registrar and paying agent to do so, the County and the bond registrar and paying agent shall cooperate with DTC in taking appropriate action after reasonable notice to make available one or more separate certificates evidencing the 2006 Bonds to any Participant having 2006 Bonds certificated to its DTC account or to arrange for another securities depository to maintain custody of certificates evidencing the 2006 Bonds.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this 2006 Bond Resolution to the contrary, so long as any bond is registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, all payments with respect to the principal of and interest on the 2006 Bonds and all notices with respect to the 2006 Bonds shall be made and given, respectively, to DTC as provided in the Blanket Issuer Letter of Representations between the County and DTC. The Chairman or Secretary of the Board of Public Works is authorized to sign such other documents with DTC on behalf of the County in such form as the Chairman or Secretary of the Board of Public Works deems necessary or appropriate in order to accomplish the issuance of the 2006 Bonds in accordance with law and this 2006 Bond Resolution.

6. NO PRIOR REDEMPTION. The 2006 Bonds shall not be subject to redemption prior to maturity.

7. BOND REGISTRAR AND PAYING AGENT. The Chairman of the Board of Public Works shall designate and enter into an agreement with a bond registrar and paying agent for the 2006 Bonds, which shall be a bank or trust company located in the State of Michigan which is qualified to act in such capacity under the laws of the United States of America or the State of Michigan. The Chairman of the Board of Public Works may from time to time designate a similarly qualified successor bond registrar and paying agent.

8. EXECUTION, AUTHENTICATION AND DELIVERY OF 2006 BONDS. The 2006 Bonds shall be executed in the name of the County by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners and the County Clerk and authenticated by the manual signature of an authorized representative or signer for the bond registrar and paying agent and the seal of the County (or a facsimile thereof) shall be impressed or imprinted on the Bonds. After the 2006 Bonds of each series have been executed and authenticated for delivery to the

Underwriter, they shall be delivered by the County Treasurer to the Underwriter upon receipt of the purchase price. The 2006 Bonds shall not be delivered to the Underwriter prior to August 3, 2006. Additional 2006 Bonds bearing the facsimile signatures of the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners and the County

Clerk and upon which the seal of the County (or a facsimile thereof) is impressed or imprinted may be delivered to the bond registrar and paying agent for authentication and delivery in connection with the exchange or transfer of 2006 Bonds. The bond registrar and paying agent shall indicate on each 2006 Bond the date of its authentication.

9. EXCHANGE AND TRANSFER OF 2006 BONDS. Any 2006 Bond, upon surrender thereof to the bond registrar and paying agent with a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the bond registrar and paying agent duly executed by the registered owner or his or her duly authorized attorney, at the option of the registered owner thereof, may be exchanged for 2006 Bonds of any other authorized denominations of the same series and aggregate principal amount and maturity date and bearing the same rate of interest as the surrendered 2006 Bond.

Each 2006 Bond shall be transferable only upon the books of the County, which shall be kept for that purpose by the bond registrar and paying agent, upon surrender of such 2006 Bond together with a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the bond registrar and paying agent duly executed by the registered owner or his or her duly authorized attorney.

Upon the exchange or transfer of any 2006 Bond, the bond registrar and paying agent on behalf of the County shall cancel the surrendered 2006 Bond and shall authenticate and deliver to the transferee a new 2006 Bond or Bonds of any authorized denomination of the same series and aggregate principal amount and maturity date and bearing the same rate of interest as the surrendered 2006 Bond. If, at the time the bond registrar and paying agent authenticates and delivers a new 2006 Bond pursuant to this section, payment of interest on such 2006 Bond is in default, the bond registrar and paying agent shall endorse upon the new 2006 Bond the following: "Payment of interest on this bond is in default. The last date to which interest has been paid is _____."

The County and the bond registrar and paying agent may deem and treat the person in whose name any 2006 Bond shall be registered upon the books of the County as the absolute owner of such 2006 Bond, whether such 2006 Bond shall be overdue or not, for the purpose of receiving payment of the principal of such 2006 Bond and for all other purposes, except that the Interest Payment Record Date shall control as to payment of interest on any 2006 Bond, and all payments made to any such registered owner, or upon his or her order, in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of this 2006 Bond Resolution shall be valid and effectual to satisfy and discharge the liability upon such 2006 Bond to the extent of the sum or sums so paid and neither the County nor the bond registrar and paying agent shall be affected by any notice to the contrary. The County agrees to indemnify and save the bond registrar and paying agent harmless from and against any and all loss, cost, charge, expense, judgment or liability incurred by it, acting in good faith and without negligence, in so treating such registered owner.

For every exchange or transfer of 2006 Bonds, the County or the bond registrar and paying agent may make a charge sufficient to reimburse it for any tax, fee or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to such exchange or transfer, which sum or sums shall be paid by the person requesting such exchange or transfer as a condition precedent to the exercise of the privilege of making such exchange or transfer.

10. FORM OF 2006 BONDS. Each series of the 2006 Bonds shall be in substantially the following form:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF KENT
KENT COUNTY REFUSE DISPOSAL SYSTEM REFUNDING BOND
(LIMITED TAX GENERAL OBLIGATION), SERIES 2006__

INTEREST RATE MATURITY DATE DATE OF ORIGINAL ISSUE CUSIP

Registered Owner:

Principal Amount:

The County of Kent (the "County"), State of Michigan, acknowledges itself indebted to, and for value received, promises to pay to the Registered Owner, or registered assigns, the Principal Amount set forth above on the Maturity Date specified above, upon presentation and surrender of this bond at the principal corporate trust office of _____, _____, Michigan, the bond registrar and paying agent, and to pay to the Registered Owner, as shown on the registration books of the County maintained by the bond registrar and paying agent, as of the close of business on the 15th day of the calendar month preceding the month in which an interest payment is due, by check or draft drawn upon and mailed by the bond registrar and paying agent by first class mail postage prepaid to the Registered Owner at the registered address, interest on the Principal Amount from the Date of Original Issue or such later date through which interest shall have been paid until the obligation of the County with respect to the payment of the Principal Amount is discharged at the Interest Rate per annum specified above. Interest is payable on the first days of May and November in each year, commencing on _____, 200___. Principal and interest are payable in lawful money of the United States of America. Interest shall be computed on the basis of a 360 day year of twelve 30-day months.

This bond is one of a series of bonds aggregating the principal sum of _____ Dollars (\$_____) issued by the County under and pursuant to and in full conformity with the Constitution and statutes of Michigan (especially Act No. 202, Public Acts of 1943, as amended) and a bond authorizing resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County on _____, 2006 (the "Resolution") for the purpose of paying part of the costs of refunding the County's outstanding Kent County Refuse Disposal System Refunding Bonds (Limited Tax General Obligation), Series 1997A, maturing in the years ____ through _____. The bonds of this series are issued in anticipation of payments to be made by the County pursuant to law. The full faith and credit of the County are hereby pledged to such payments and to the payment of the principal of and interest on the bonds of this series. The

County is obligated and hereby agrees to make such payments from its general funds as a first budget obligation and is obligated, and hereby agrees, to levy a tax, if necessary, on all taxable property in the County in an amount sufficient to make such payments, subject to applicable constitutional and statutory limitations on the taxing power of the County. Taxes levied by the County to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds of this series are subject to constitutional and statutory tax limitations.

This bond is transferable, as provided in the Resolution, only upon the registration books of the County upon the surrender of this bond together with a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the bond registrar and paying agent duly executed by the registered owner or his or her attorney duly authorized in writing. Upon the exchange or transfer of this bond a new bond or bonds of any authorized denomination, in the same aggregate principal amount and of the same interest rate and maturity, shall be authenticated and delivered to the transferee in exchange therefore as provided in the Resolution, and upon payment of the charges, if any, therein provided. Bonds so authenticated and delivered shall be in the denomination of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof not exceeding the aggregate principal amount for each maturity.

The bonds of this series are not subject to redemption prior to maturity.

It is certified, recited and declared that all acts, conditions and things required to exist, happen and be performed precedent to and in the issuance of the bonds of this series, existed, have happened and have been performed in due time, form and manner as required by law, and that the total indebtedness of the County, including the series of bonds of which this bond is one, does not exceed any constitutional or statutory limitation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the County of Kent, Michigan, by its Board of Commissioners, has caused this bond to be executed in its name by the manual signatures of the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners and the County Clerk and its County seal (or a facsimile thereof) to be impressed or imprinted hereon. This bond shall not be valid unless the Certificate of Authentication has been manually executed by an authorized representative of the bond registrar and paying agent.

COUNTY OF KENT

(SEAL)

By: _____
County Clerk

By: _____
Chairperson,
Board of Commissioners

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This bond is one of the 2006__ Bonds described in the within mentioned Resolution.

_____,
Bond Registrar and Paying Agent

By: _____
Authorized Signer

AUTHENTICATION DATE:

ASSIGNMENT

For value received, the undersigned hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto

_____ (please print or type name, address and taxpayer identification number of transferee) the within bond and all rights thereunder and does hereby irrevocably constitute and appoint

_____ attorney to transfer the within bond on the books kept for registration thereof, with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: _____

Signature Guaranteed _____

Signature(s) must be guaranteed by an eligible guarantor institution participating in a Securities Transfer Association recognized signature guarantee program.

END OF BOND FORM

11. SECURITY. The 2006 Bonds shall be issued in anticipation of payments to be made by the County pursuant to Act 185 and Act 34. The full faith and credit of the County are hereby pledged to such payments and to the payment of the principal of and interest on the 2006 Bonds. The County is obligated and hereby agrees to make such payments from its general funds as a first budget obligation and is obligated, and hereby agrees, to levy a tax, if necessary, on all taxable property in the County in an amount sufficient to make

such payments, subject to applicable constitutional and statutory limitations on the taxing power of the County.

12. **DEFEASANCE.** In the event cash or direct obligations of the United States or obligations the principal of and interest on which are guaranteed by the United States, or a combination thereof, the principal of and interest on which, without reinvestment, come due at times and in amounts sufficient to pay, at maturity the principal of and interest on the 2006 Bonds, shall have been deposited in trust, this 2006 Bond Resolution shall be defeased and the owners of the 2006 Bonds shall have no further rights under this 2006 Bond Resolution except to receive payment of the principal of and interest on the 2006 Bonds from the cash or securities deposited in trust and the interest and gains thereon and to transfer and exchange bonds as provided herein.

13. **DEBT SERVICE FUND.** There has previously been established for the Bonds a Debt Service Fund which shall be kept in a separate bank account. From the proceeds of the sale of the 2006 Bonds there shall be set aside in the Debt Service Fund any accrued interest received from the purchasers of the 2006 Bonds at the time of delivery thereof. All payments to be made by the County pursuant to Act 185, Act 202 and Act 34 to pay the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds shall be placed in the Debt Service Fund. The moneys on deposit in the Debt Service Fund shall be used to pay the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds when due and for no other purpose. In the event and to the extent that the moneys transferred to the Debt Service Fund pursuant to Section 16 of this 2006 Bond Resolution are not sufficient to pay the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds when due, then the County, pursuant to and as provided in Section 11 of this 2006 Bond Resolution, shall pay the amount of such deficiency from its general funds.

14. **PAYMENT OF ISSUANCE EXPENSES - ESCROW FUND.** The remainder of the proceeds of the 2006 Bonds shall be used, together with available County moneys, if any, as determined by the Chair of the Board of Public Works, to pay the issuance expenses of the 2006 Bonds and to establish an escrow fund (the "Escrow Fund") for the 1997 Bonds that are refunded (the "1997 Bonds To Be Refunded"). After the issuance expenses have been paid or provided for, the remaining proceeds and available County moneys, if any, shall be used to establish the Escrow Fund consisting of cash and investments in direct obligations of, or obligations the principal of and interest on which are unconditionally guaranteed by, the United States of America or other obligations the principal of and interest on which are fully secured by the foregoing and used to pay the principal of and redemption premiums on the 1997 Bonds To Be Refunded. The Escrow Fund shall be held by an escrow agent (the "Escrow Agent") in trust pursuant to an escrow agreement (the "Escrow Agreement"), which irrevocably shall direct the Escrow Agent to take all necessary steps to call the outstanding 1997 Bonds To Be Refunded for redemption at such time as shall be determined in the Escrow Agreement. The Chairman of the Board of Public Works is authorized to select the Escrow Agent and to enter into the Escrow Agreement on behalf of the County. The amounts held in the Escrow Fund shall be such that the cash and the investments and the income received thereon will be sufficient without reinvestment to pay the principal of on and redemption premiums on the 1997 Bonds To Be Refunded when due at call for redemption as required by the Escrow Agreement. The interest due on the 1997 Bonds To Be Refunded shall be paid on the redemption date for such Bonds from moneys on deposit in the Debt Service Fund or from moneys advanced by the County from its general funds.

15. **OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PROJECT; BUDGETS.** (a) The County will cause the Project and all components thereof, both inside and outside, to be operated and maintained as required by the Vendor Agreement. The County covenants that it will not use or permit the use of the Project, or any part thereof, for any unlawful purpose.

(b) Not less than two months prior to the beginning of each operating year of the County, the Department of Public Works shall prepare a budget for the Project which shall be submitted to and approved by the Board of Public Works, and which shall include for the next operating year (1) estimated operating and maintenance costs, (2) annual debt service requirements on the Bonds, (3) estimated amounts needed for improvements in or repairs or major replacements of the Project as deemed necessary by the Board of Public Works, (4) rates to be charged for the use of the Project and (5) projected Revenues.

16. REVENUE FUND. (a) There has been established by the 1997 Bond Resolution a Revenue Fund for the Project. All Revenues shall be deposited by the County as received in the Revenue Fund. Moneys on deposit in the Revenue Fund shall be used to pay the costs of the operation, maintenance, repair and improvement of the Project as determined by the Board of Public Works of the County and, to the extent available after the payment of such costs, to make the transfers to the Debt Service Fund as hereinafter described.

(b) On the first business day of each month, the County shall transfer from the Revenue Fund to the Debt Service Fund an amount equal to one-sixth (1/6) of the interest due on the Bonds and any Additional Bonds on the next Interest Payment Date and one-twelfth (1/12) of the principal due on the next November 1, subject to any credit for moneys already on deposit in the Debt Service Fund or the Escrow Fund and not otherwise allocated to a prior transfer.

(c) In the event and to the extent that the moneys on deposit in the Revenue Fund are sufficient to make the foregoing transfer on the first business day of any month and if there exists after such transfer a deficiency in the Debt Service Fund and there are funds available in the Revenue Fund that are not otherwise needed to pay the costs of the operation, maintenance, repair and improvement of the Project, then an additional transfer shall be made from the Revenue Fund to the Debt Service Fund to the extent of such deficiency.

(d) In the event and to the extent that the moneys on deposit in the Revenue Fund are sufficient to make the foregoing transfers in subsections (b) and (c) on the first business day of any month and there is no deficiency in the Debt Service Fund, the County shall thereafter be entitled to withdraw moneys from the Revenue Fund, to the extent available and not otherwise needed to pay the costs of operation, maintenance, repair and improvement of the Project, to reimburse the County, without interest, for moneys advanced from the County's general fund to pay the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds.

17. APPROVAL OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY. The issuance and sale of the 2006 Bonds shall be subject to permission being granted therefor by the Department of Treasury of the State of Michigan pursuant to Act 34, and the Chairman of the Board of Public Works is authorized and directed, if necessary, to make application to the Department of Treasury for permission to issue and sell the 2006 Bonds as provided by the terms of this 2006 Bond Resolution.

18. SALE, ISSUANCE, DELIVERY, TRANSFER AND EXCHANGE OF 2006 BONDS. The 2006 Bonds shall be sold to the Underwriter pursuant to a negotiated sale as hereinafter provided, and it is hereby determined that such negotiated sale is in the best interests of the County and is calculated to provide the maximum flexibility in pricing the 2006 Bonds so as to achieve sufficient debt service savings with respect to the 2006 Bonds. The Chairman of the Board of Public Works is authorized to determine which of the 1997 Bonds shall be refunded and to determine the principal amount of each series of the 2006 Bonds to be sold. The Chairman of the Board of Public Works shall enter into a Bond Purchase Agreement with the Underwriter to sell the 2006 Bonds to the Underwriter at a price to be determined by the Chairman of the Board of Public Works in accordance with the laws of this State and is authorized to do all things necessary to effectuate the sale, issuance, delivery, transfer and exchange of the 2006 Bonds in accordance with the

provisions of this 2006 Bond Resolution. The officers, agents and employees of the County and the Board of Public Works are authorized to execute such documents and certificates and to take all other actions necessary and convenient to facilitate the sale and delivery of the 2006 Bonds.

19. REPLACEMENT OF BONDS. Upon receipt by the Secretary of the Board of Public Works of proof of ownership of an unmatured 2006 Bond, of satisfactory evidence that the 2006 Bond has been lost, apparently destroyed or wrongfully taken and of security or indemnity which complies with applicable law and is satisfactory to the Secretary of the Board of Public Works, the Secretary of the Board of Public Works may authorize the bond registrar and paying agent to deliver a new executed 2006 Bond to replace the 2006 Bond lost, apparently destroyed or wrongfully taken in compliance with applicable law. In the event an outstanding matured 2006 Bond is lost, apparently destroyed or wrongfully taken, the Secretary of the Board of Public Works may authorize the bond registrar and paying agent to pay the 2006 Bond without presentation upon the receipt of the same documentation required for the delivery of a replacement 2006 Bond. The bond registrar and paying agent, for each new 2006 Bond delivered or paid without presentation as provided above, shall require the payment by the bondholder of expenses, including counsel fees, which may be incurred by the bond registrar and paying agent and the County in replacing or paying the lost, destroyed or wrongfully taken 2006 Bond. Any 2006 Bond delivered pursuant the provisions of this Section 19 in lieu of any 2006 Bond lost, apparently destroyed or wrongfully taken shall be of the same form and tenor and be secured in the same manner as the 2006 Bond in substitution for which such 2006 Bond was delivered.

20. TAX COVENANT. The County covenants to comply with all requirements of applicable federal income tax law, including without limitation the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, necessary to assure that the interest on the 2006A Bonds will be and will remain excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes. The Board of Public Works and other appropriate County officials are authorized to do all things necessary to assure that the interest on the 2006A Bonds will be and will remain excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes.

21. OFFICIAL STATEMENT. The Board of Public Works is authorized to cause the preparation of an official statement for the 2006 Bonds for the purpose of enabling compliance with SEC Rule 15c2-12 (the "Rule"), and to do all other things necessary to enable compliance with the Rule. After the award of the 2006 Bonds, the County shall provide copies of a "final official statement" (as defined in paragraph (e)(3) of the Rule) on a timely basis and in reasonable quantity as requested by the Underwriter to enable the Underwriter to comply with paragraph (b)(4) of the Rule and the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board.

22. CONTINUING DISCLOSURE. The County Treasurer is authorized to execute a certificate of the County to comply with the continuing undertaking of the County pursuant to paragraph (b)(5) of the Rule and amendments to such certificate from time to time in accordance with the terms of such certificate (the certificate and any amendments thereto are collectively referred to herein as the "Continuing Disclosure Certificate"). The County hereby covenants and agrees that it will comply with and carry out all of the provisions of the Continuing Disclosure. The remedies for any failure of the County to comply with and carry out the provisions of the Continuing Disclosure Certificate shall be as set forth therein.

23. SUPPLEMENTAL RESOLUTIONS NOT REQUIRING CONSENT OF BONDHOLDERS. (a) The County may, without the consent of the holders of the 2006 Bonds, adopt resolutions supplemental to this 2006 Bond Resolution that shall not be inconsistent with the terms and provisions hereof for any one or more of the following purposes:

(i) To add covenants of the County for the purpose of further securing the payment of principal of or interest on the 2006 Bonds or to maintain or improve the then applicable rating on the 2006 Bonds;

(ii) To cure any ambiguity or formal defect or omission in this 2006 Bond Resolution; or

(iii) To make such modifications in the provisions of this 2006 Bond Resolution if, in the opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel filed with this Board of Commissioners, such modifications do not result in materially diminishing the security hereby granted to the holders of the 2006 Bonds at the time outstanding.

(b) Before any supplemental resolution under this Section 23 shall become effective, a copy thereof shall be filed with the Michigan Department of Treasury, if then required by law, and an opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel to the effect that such supplemental resolution complies with the provisions of this Section 23 shall be delivered to this Board of Commissioners.

24. NO RECOURSE UNDER BOND RESOLUTION. All covenants, agreements and obligations of the County contained in this 2006 Bond Resolution shall be deemed to be covenants, agreements and obligations of the County and not of any member of the Board of Commissioners or the Board of Public Works or any officer or employee of the County in his or her individual capacity, and no recourse shall be had for the payment of principal of or interest on the 2006 Bonds or for any claim based thereon or on this 2006 Bond Resolution against any member of the Board of Commissioners or the Board of Public Works or any officer or employee of the County or any person executing the 2006 Bonds in his or her individual capacity.

25. CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they may be in conflict herewith are hereby rescinded.

26. EFFECTIVE DATE. This 2006 Bond Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion by Commissioner Vander Molen, seconded by Commissioner Vonk, to approve the consent agenda items.

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

RESOLUTIONS

4-27-06-35 – ALGOMA TOWNSHIP – AGREEMENT FOR TOWNSHIP LAW ENFORCEMENT / SHERIFF

WHEREAS, Algoma Township has made a request for law enforcement services to establish a community policing officer program initiative to assist in identifying and developing long term solutions to changing concerns and issues in the community and to establish a positive law enforcement presence in the community; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of the County Patrol Officer position is \$82,669, including wages and benefits. Algoma Township will fund the cost of the position. The cost for the balance of the 2006 budget year with a May 1, 2006, start date is approximately \$55,112; and

WHEREAS, the township will lease a fleet vehicle for \$350 per month.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approve an Agreement for Township Law Enforcement with

Algoma Township and the addition of one County Patrol Officer (POAM) position; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event township funding is eliminated or decreased, the position will be eliminated unless continuation funding is approved pursuant to the Fiscal Policy on Grants.

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

4-27-06-36 – 2006 EQUALIZATION REPORT / EQUALIZATION

WHEREAS, the Kent County Bureau of Equalization has completed its review of the 2006 assessment rolls of the twenty-one (21) townships and nine (9) cities of Kent County; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Kent County Bureau of Equalization recommends the adoption of the equalized value of real and personal property as follows:

Real Property:	Agricultural	\$ 298,452,000
	Commercial	4,170,396,000
	Industrial	1,896,374,400
	Residential	15,167,250,200
	Developmental	0
	TOTAL REAL	21,532,472,600

Personal Property: TOTAL PERSONAL 1,814,375,719

GRAND TOTAL \$23,346,848,319

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in compliance with Section 211.34 M.C.I.A., 1984, as amended, the Kent County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the 2006 Kent County Equalization Report attached to this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby appoints Mr. David G. Jager, Equalization Director, to represent Kent County in matters of equalization before the State Tax Commission pursuant to MCL 209.7.

Motion by Commissioner Tanis, supported by Commissioner Vaughn, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Wahlfield, Voorhees, Vonk, Vaughn, Vander Molen, Tanis, Rolls, Postmus, Moran, Mayhue, Mast, Koorndyk, Klein, Horton, Hiddema, Bulkowski, Boelema, Agee, Chair Morgan – 19.

Nays: 0.

4-27-06-37 – PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS OPTION, GRANT APPLICATION, BUDGET APPROPRIATION AND PURCHASE AGREEMENT / KENT/MSU EXTENSION

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners approved the Purchase of Development Rights Ordinance on November 26, 2002, and on May 26, 2005, approved selection criteria for the purchase of development rights by the County, and authorized the Agricultural Preservation Board to accept applications from landowners to participate in the program; and

WHEREAS, the County Agricultural Preservation Board received 34 applications for more than 3100 acres from 12 townships; 23 out of the 34 applications met criteria of the USDA-NRCS Michigan Farm & Ranch Land Protection Program which provides up to 50 percent of the cost of the development rights through a competitive grant program; and

WHEREAS, on September 2005, the Board of Commissioners authorized an application to the State for funding to be used to purchase the development rights for five properties, four of which are also eligible for federal funding. Options were authorized and secured on all five properties. The County has secured state funding which may be used for match; and

WHEREAS, applications to the federal program are due May 11. The Agricultural Preservation Board is recommending that federal funding be requested for a total of seven properties, including the four already under option for the State grant program. Options will also need to be extended to the three additional eligible properties (Cranmer, Nauta, and Wilcox Farms); and

WHEREAS, the option agreement was drafted by Corporation Counsel and has been reviewed and approved as to form.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves offering an option for the purchase of development rights on the following three parcels as recommended by the Agricultural Preservation Board: Marcia A. Wilcox Trust, 9654 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI 49331 (PPN 41-16-08-200-002); Vern Nauta, 2821 Parnell Avenue, Ada, MI 49301 (PPN 41-16-05-300-005); and Carl Cranmer, 9521 Parmeter Avenue, Rockford MI 49341 (PPN 41-09-09-400-004).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approves submission of a grant application for 50 percent of the cost of the development rights, and appropriates any federal funds received to the Farmland Preservation Budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorizes the exercise of the option and the purchase of the development rights on any of the above lands approved for funding by the Michigan Agricultural Preservation Fund and for which local match (including the local share of development rights, appraisals, closing costs and option fees) has been secured.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Wahlfeld, Voorhees, Vons, Vaughn, Vander Molen, Tanis, Rolls, Postmus, Mayhue, Mast, Koorndyk, Klein, Horton, Bulkowski, Boelema, Agee, Chair Morgan – 17.

Nays: Morren, Hiddema - 2.

REPORTS

There were no reports.

MISCELLANEOUS

Proclamation

Commissioner Mast read a proclamation in memory of Larry Murray, former Director of the Area Agency on Aging, who died on April 25, 2006.

Free Admission

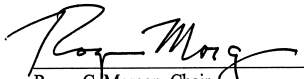
Commissioner Koorndyk said that he should have information to Commissioners in the near future on free admission days to Millennium Park for low income families.

Birthday & Doctorate

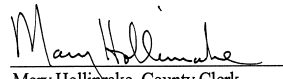
Chair Morgan wished Commissioner Mayhue a happy birthday and congratulated Administrator Daryl Delabbio for obtaining his doctorate degree.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:02 a.m., Commissioner Vander Molen moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, May 11, 2006, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 8:30 a.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Vonk. Motion carried.



Roger C. Morgan, Chair



Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk

PROCEEDINGS

of the
Kent County Board of Commissioners
May 11, 2006– Regular Meeting

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

Present: Commissioners Agee, Boelema, Bulkowski, Hiddema, Horton, Klein, Koorndyk, Mast, Mayhue, Morren, Postmus, Rolls, Tanis, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Vonk, Voorhees, Wahlfeld, Chair Morgan – 19.

Absent: None.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Postmus, 1725 Leonard NW, Grand Rapids - Announced his candidacy for Kent County Drain Commissioner and that he will not be running for County Commission.

Mona Sallie, 2321 Kent Blvd., Grand Rapids – She is still upset that the Board has yet to investigate the medical examiner with regard to her mother, Annie Mae Sallie, and doesn't believe that the Board needs the private autopsy report to investigate.

Clyde Sallie, 2321 Kent Blvd., Grand Rapids – His family has been appearing before the Board for the past 2 years and they want the "mess" cleaned up.

Kristi Sallie, 2321 Kent Blvd., Grand Rapids – She believes that the medical examiner should be removed because, she claims, he failed to discharge the duties of his office properly with regard to her mother.

Dennis Heffron, 7724 Ashleigh, Belding - As Chair of the Agricultural Preservation Board, he thanked the Board for its leadership and enabling him to make presentations to the Standing Committees and the full Board. He will go over where we are and discuss where we want to go.

Bill Bobier, Oceana County resident - Agricultural preservation efforts offer an opportunity to preserve the land. Land is a diminishing resource. Land is the source of our sustenance and a lasting value for future generations and as such we need to preserve it.

Paul Knoerl, 6750 Tiffany, Rockford - Grattan Township Trustee who believes that the Board should not buckle under pressure and should support PDR. His group will support candidates who support the PDR efforts.

Sharon Steffens, 6690 Walker NW, Alpine Township - Septic sewage is broken down into bio-solids and used by farmers on agricultural land as fertilizer. If there are no farmlands to use this resource, then it goes into landfills. Farm preservation is needed to continue this mutually beneficial cycle.

Bill Hirsch, 8005 Breton Avenue, Gaines Township - A farmer, who served on the Agricultural Preservation Board. He was responsible for getting Bowne, Caledonia and Gaines Townships to pass PDR ordinances and raised \$50,000 for the program. He was "rewarded" by being removed from the board. He is considering running for a Commission seat to make sure of the funding for PDRs. Voters do not want the agricultural land to disappear.

PUBLIC HEARING

Village of Sparta Annexation

Motion by Commissioner Agee, supported by Commissioner Mast, to go into a public hearing.

Motion carried by voice vote.

At 9:00 a.m., a public hearing was held on the annexation of property within the boundaries of the Village of Sparta.

Bryan Chodkowski, Sparta Village Manager, stated that the property (10.13 acres) is contiguous to the Village but currently situated in Sparta Township. The annexation will enable the Village to extend its public sanitary sewer and water utility services to the property and is consensual between the two governmental units.

There was no other public comment.

Motion by Commissioner Agee, supported by Commissioner Vonk, to close the public hearing.

Motion carried by voice vote.

At 9:04 p.m., Chair Morgan declared the hearing closed.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Right Place

Birgit Klohs, Director of the Right Place, reviewed highlights from 2005 including their efforts to secure over \$106 million in capital investment and nearly \$62 million in new payroll. Their work continues in 2006 to pursue several new investments from life science, advanced manufacturing and technology firms. They are committed to creating opportunities for area firms to improve their innovation and commercialization capabilities, sustainable business practices, operational excellence, and competitiveness. Ms. Klohs thanked the Board for their continued support of the regional economic development efforts.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of April 27, 2006 Meeting
- b) May 2, 2006 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
(Reports of Claims and Allowances)
- c) Resolutions:

5-11-06-38 – ACCEPT AN FY 2007 TITLE IV-D COOPERATIVE REIMBURSEMENT GRANT / FRIEND OF THE COURT

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Human Services provides funding to counties to operate a Cooperative Reimbursement Program designed to secure and enforce support orders; and

WHEREAS, the Friend of the Court's Cooperative Reimbursement Program operates with 104 full-time positions; and

WHEREAS, the grant will pay a portion of six (6) FTEs wages and fringes (down from 12) for support services from the Circuit Court – Family Division (Referees & clerical); and

WHEREAS, the anticipated grant period is October 1, 2006, to September 30, 2007.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approve the Friend of the Court's request to accept an FY 2007 Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Grant from the Michigan Department of Human Services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the event grant funding is eliminated or decreased, the position(s) will be eliminated unless continuation funding is approved pursuant to the Fiscal Policy on Grants; and

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

5-11-06-39 – ACCEPT GRANT FROM THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES / FRIEND OF THE COURT

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Human Services Office of Child Support provides grant funding to the Friend of the Court to conduct medical support enforcement activities to reduce the use of Medicaid by children whose non-custodial parents have access to health insurance for dependents; and

WHEREAS, the grant, which has been reduced from \$196,532 to \$189,874 or \$6,658, pays 100 percent of the salary and benefits for approximately three (3) FTEs, which is a .36 FTE reduction from the prior year. Friend of the Court is proposing to transfer the .36 FTE to the IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Budget to maintain current service levels; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated grant period is October 1, 2006, to September 30, 2007.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approve the Friend of the Court's request to accept an FY 2007 Medical Support Grant from the State of Michigan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event grant funding is eliminated or decreased, the position(s) will be eliminated unless continuation funding is approved pursuant to the Fiscal Policy on Grants; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Board Chair to sign all grant documents.

5-11-06-40- SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION TO MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES / PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Human Services provides funding to counties to operate a Cooperative Reimbursement Program designed to establish paternity as well as to secure and enforce support orders; and

WHEREAS, the Prosecutor's Cooperative Reimbursement Program will continue with 19 full-time positions; and

WHEREAS, the grant period is October 1, 2006, to September 30, 2007.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approve the Prosecutor's request to submit an application to the Michigan Department of Human Services for a FY 2007 Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the event grant funding is eliminated or decreased, the positions will be eliminated unless continuation funding is approved pursuant to the Fiscal Policy on Grants; and

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

5-11-06-41 – ACCEPT A 2004 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT AND BUDGET AMENDMENT / SHERIFF

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of State Police – Emergency Management Division provides federal pass-through funds for homeland security programs; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this grant is to provide funds to enhance communications interoperability across Michigan for preventing, deterring, responding to, and recovering from threats and incidents of terrorism; and

WHEREAS, an equipment subcommittee of the Homeland Security Local Planning Team, of which Kent County is a member, will determine the best use of these funds; and

WHEREAS, the grant period is May 1, 2006, to August 31, 2006.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners accepts a State Homeland Security Grant from the Michigan Department of State Police; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Administrator/Controller to sign all grant documents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby appropriates \$22,000 from the Michigan Department of State Police – Emergency Management Division to the Sheriff's Emergency Management Budget – Special Projects Fund, contingent upon award and execution of a contract.

5-11-06-42 – APPROVE THE SPECIAL PROJECT FUND DRUG FORFEITURE BUDGET AMENDMENT / SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the County currently accounts for monies received under various State drug forfeiture laws and eligible expenditure of these monies in several different accounts including the Treasurer's Receiving Account and several Special Project Fund programs; and

WHEREAS, the State Uniform Accounting Manual recommends that the receipt and expenditures of monies generated through application of various drug forfeiture laws be accounted for in a separate Special Revenue Fund entitled "Drug Law Enforcement Fund"; and

WHEREAS, Fiscal Services recommends the original FY 2006 Special Projects Fund appropriation for drug forfeitures, in the amount of \$126,550, be transferred to a new Drug Law Enforcement Fund; and an additional \$92,159 from anticipated forfeiture proceeds be appropriated to the new fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves the appropriation of an additional \$218,709 to the Sheriff Department Drug Law Enforcement Fund.

5-11-06-43 – APPROVE THE SHERIFF'S DISPATCH BUDGET AMENDMENT / SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the County receives, on a quarterly basis, funds from the State of Michigan intended to support public safety dispatch activities related to 911 calls received from cellular phones. These calls are received at one of two answering points including the Grand Rapids Police Department - Dispatch and the Michigan State Police – Rockford Post; and

WHEREAS, the State "Emergency Telephone Service Committee" conducted a compliance review in September 2005. The period under review included funds received covering the period of July 1, 2002,

through September 30, 2005. During this time period the County transferred ninety-five percent of all revenues to the two governmental units noted above based on a formula utilizing population served. The County retained five percent of all revenues intended to cover administrative expenses incurred by the County to receive and distribute these funds. The five percent administrative fee withheld during this time period totaled \$91,884; and

WHEREAS, County staff and members of the State compliance team agreed that the five percent withholding exceeded actual administrative costs incurred by the County. On a retrospective basis, it was determined that the County had incurred actual costs approximating \$1,778; and

WHEREAS, the State's Emergency Telephone Service Committee is directing Kent County to distribute \$90,105 of "over withheld" administrative monies to the parties providing actual services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves the appropriation of an additional \$90,105 to the Sheriff's Dispatch Budget in the General Fund.

(Commissioner Hiddema asked that Resolution 5-11-06-40 be removed from the Consent Agenda.)

Motion by Commissioner Postmus, seconded by Commissioner Vonk, to approve the remaining consent agenda items.

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

5-11-06-40- SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION TO MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES / PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Human Services provides funding to counties to operate a Cooperative Reimbursement Program designed to establish paternity as well as to secure and enforce support orders; and

WHEREAS, the Prosecutor's Cooperative Reimbursement Program will continue with 19 full-time positions; and

WHEREAS, the grant period is October 1, 2006, to September 30, 2007.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approve the Prosecutor's request to submit an application to the Michigan Department of Human Services for a FY 2007 Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the event grant funding is eliminated or decreased, the positions will be eliminated unless continuation funding is approved pursuant to the Fiscal Policy on Grants; and

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

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

RESOLUTIONS**5-11-06-44 – VILLAGE OF SPARTA PETITION FOR ANNEXATION /
ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE**

WHEREAS, the Village of Sparta submitted a Petition for Annexation to the Board of Commissioners of Kent County, Michigan, to include the following legally described property (the "Property") within the boundaries of the Village:

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WHEREAS, the Village of Sparta is a general law village possessing the authority, pursuant to Chapter XIV, Section 6 of Act 3 the Public Acts of Michigan of 1895, as amended, ("Act 3") to petition the County Board of Commissioners to alter its boundaries by taking property that adjoins the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Property is contiguous to the Village of Sparta; and

WHEREAS, the owner of the Property, Village of Sparta, requested to include the Property within the Village boundaries to enable the services of the Village's water and sewer utilities; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2006, the Village of Sparta adopted Resolution 06-05, a resolution to alter the boundaries of the Village to include the Property within the Village limits; and

WHEREAS, the Village Clerk has published notice of the time and place when the Petition for Annexation would be presented for consideration by the County Board of Commissioners and that members of the public would be given an opportunity to be heard in the North Kent Advance on April 18, 2006, April 25, 2006, and May 2, 2006; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with MCL §74.6, the County Board of Commissioners has after due consideration of the Petition and comments made during the public hearing, determined to grant the petition for annexation as requested in its entirety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners grant approval to the Village of Sparta's petition to annex the Property located in Sparta Township in accordance with the above legal description; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairperson and Clerk of the Board are hereby directed to sign the Order altering the boundaries of the Village of Sparta and transmit a certified copy to the Clerk of the Village of Sparta and to the Secretary of State.

Motion by Commissioner Horton, supported by Commissioner Mayhue, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

**5-11-06-45 – PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT 1500 BRADFORD STREET NE /
FACILITIES MANAGEMENT**

WHEREAS, in accordance with its on-going development plan for the Fuller Campus, the County actively seeks to acquire parcels adjacent to the Campus on the south side of Bradford Street NE, as such parcels become available; and

WHEREAS, the Facilities Management Department recently learned that a qualifying parcel at 1500 Bradford Street NE was available for purchase. A diagram showing the location of the parcel is attached; and

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2006, the County made an offer on the parcel to secure it until such time as the Board of Commissioners could consider the purchase; and

WHEREAS, based on property appraisals, the County has offered to purchase the parcel for \$101,140, which includes closing costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approves the purchase of property at 1500 Bradford Street NE (Parcel #41-14-20-284-033) for the sum of \$101,140, and to appropriate \$101,140 from the Unreserved, Undesignated General Fund balance to the 2006 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) fund.

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

**5-11-06-46 – LABOR AGREEMENT – CIRCUIT COURT REFEREE
ASSOCIATION / HUMAN RESOURCES**

WHEREAS, the Negotiating Committee recommends approval of a three-year labor contract with the Circuit Court Referee Association representing the Attorney/Referees; and

WHEREAS, first year wages will increase by 4.0% which reflect added responsibilities and market comparison. Wages will be increased 3.50% effective January 1, 2006 and 2.5% effective January 1, 2007. Beginning in 2006, the Staff Attorney (1) will be paid the same pay scale as the Assistant Prosecuting Attorney II; and

WHEREAS, the total addition to base salary costs over the life of the contract is \$114,504. The total addition to wage-based benefit costs is \$19,642; and

WHEREAS, the total base wages with the scheduled increase are approximately \$553,000. The total three-year increase to salary and benefit costs is \$134,146; and

WHEREAS, the contract affects 6 full-time Attorney/Referees who work in the Circuit Court and 1 full time Staff Attorney who works for Friend of the Court. The proposed contract has been ratified by the membership.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves a three-year labor agreement for the period of January 1, 2005, through December 31, 2007, between the County of Kent and the Circuit Court Referee Association representing the Attorney/Referees.

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

5-11-06-47 – LABOR AGREEMENT – TEAMSTERS – PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES / HUMAN RESOURCES

WHEREAS, the Negotiating Committee recommends approval of a three-year labor contract with the Teamsters representing the Public Health Nurses; and

WHEREAS, first year wages will increase by 2.75% which is consistent with recently negotiated County bargaining agreements. Wages will be increased 2.75% effective January 1, 2007 and 2.75% effective January 1, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the total addition to base salary costs over the life of the contract is \$515,631. The total addition to wage-based benefit costs is \$98,103; and

WHEREAS, the total base wages with the scheduled increases are approximately \$3.3 million. The total three-year increase to salary and benefit costs is \$613,734; and

WHEREAS, employees will pay 10% of premium cost for medical and prescription coverage with no cap effective 1/1/07; and

WHEREAS, the contract affects 52 full-time and 23 part-time Public Health Nurses who work at the Health Department. The proposed contract has been ratified by the membership.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves a three-year labor agreement for the period of January 1, 2006, through December 31, 2008, between the County of Kent and the Teamsters representing the Public Health Nurses.

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

5-11-06-48 – SALE OF PROPERTY – 4805 BOYD AVENUE NE / PUBLIC WORKS

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has determined that the lift station and associated property at 4805 Boyd Ave. NE is no longer needed, due to the new sewer line installation which bypasses this lift station; and

WHEREAS, an independent appraisal of the property determined the value of the property at \$37,000; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Division has listed the property for sale through AJS Realty and has a written purchase agreement through Westman Realty Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the purchase agreement offering \$37,900 has been reviewed by Legal Counsel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves selling County property at 4805 Boyd Avenue NE, Parcel number 41-10-28-290-004, at a sale price of \$37,900 (former Public Works Lift Station) to Margaret Reith.

Motion by Commissioner Postmus, supported by Commissioner Vonk, moved the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

REPORTS

There were no reports.

MISCELLANEOUS

Purchase of Development Rights

Commissioner Mayhue is concerned about the relationship between the 1,000 Grand Rapids Public School students leaving annually and urban sprawl.

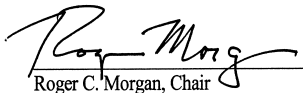
Commissioner Morren said that he has always encouraged people to run for office but doesn't appreciate what he termed as "threats" from a "significant lobby."

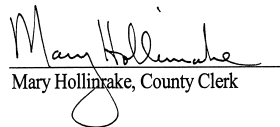
Commissioner Agee said there are new ideas and common grounds such as the need for bio-solid disposal by the City of Wyoming, the expansion and better use of sewer systems, and the need for farmers to get bio-solids, that need to be discussed with regard to the PDR issue. The Agriculture Preservation Board Chair, Dennis Heffron, has been invited to address both Standing Committees and the full Board to advocate their position. With this continuing discussion, he hopes to tone down the rhetoric and we can let the process work.

Commissioner Postmus thanked Commissioner Agee for his comments about the PDR future. He is involved in the soil-to-oil alternative energy efforts as well. This is not only a food and food jobs issue, but also an energy and a better environment issue.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:54 a.m., Commissioner Postmus moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, May 25, 2006, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 8:30 a.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Vander Molen. Motion carried.


Roger C. Morgan, Chair


Mary Hollinake, County Clerk

PROCEEDINGS

of the
Kent County Board of Commissioners
June 8, 2006 – Regular Meeting

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

Present: Commissioners Agee, Boelema, Bulkowski, Hiddema, Horton, Klein, Koorndyk, Mast, Mayhue, Morren, Postmus, Rolls, Tanis, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Vonk, Voorhees, Wahlfeld, Chair Morgan – 19.

Absent: None.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Chair Morgan addressed the Sallie Family:

For over two years now, your family has been offering public comment on your theories concerning those you believe are responsible for the death of your mother. You have had opportunity to present your views to the Sheriff Department, the Medical Examiner's Office, County Administration, and the Prosecutor's Office. In 2003, following the death of your mother, all of those agencies reviewed the information you provided and listened to the statements you made. All of those agencies then concluded that your allegations of criminal activity in the death of your mother were unfounded, and the actions of County personnel were timely, well-reasoned, appropriate, and based upon all the pertinent information that was available or will ever be available.

In the fall of 2003, you stated several times during public comment before this Board that an independent autopsy report on your mother showed that she had 35 times the therapeutic dose of morphine in her system at the time she died. That alone would have been new information, and you have refused to provide it to the Board after numerous requests. The Board can only conclude that you were not telling the truth about the findings in that report, or that you have now realized that with 35 times the therapeutic dose of morphine in her system, your mother would have died within a matter of minutes and not 23 hours after leaving the hospital.

This Board can do nothing further for you, and the issue of your mother's death is no longer properly before it. The law provides that this Board may restrict public comment when it becomes unduly repetitious or largely irrelevant, or both. For nearly three years, the Board has been listening to or reviewing your theories and allegations concerning the circumstances surrounding your mother's death – long after elected officials, contracted officials, and County staff concluded that your allegations were unfounded.

I now need to advise you that because this Board can do nothing further for you, legally or administratively, and the issue of your mother's death is no longer properly before it, the Board will receive no further public comment on the issue on the grounds that it is not relevant to the Board's business, is unduly repetitive, expends time during which the Board should be addressing issues properly before it, and is out of order.

What I have told you will go into effect at the next Board meeting and all subsequent Board meetings. For today, you may proceed with your comment, keeping in mind the time limit.

2. Kristi Sallie, 2321 Kent Blvd., Grand Rapids – Feels that the Board has closed their ears regarding their issue. She believes that the medical examiner knowingly lied to the Sheriff's Department regarding the conclusions of her mother's death which ultimately led to the close of the investigation.

3. Mona Sallie, 2321 Kent Blvd., Grand Rapids – Believes it is appalling that the Board would cut off public comment to her family and feels that the Board is intolerant of citizens.

4. Clyde Sallie, 2321 Kent Blvd., Grand Rapids – Asked why the investigation into his wife's death was shut down? What program does the County have in place to address the Bird Flu?

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

4-H Recognition – Ethel Chase

Chair Morgan acknowledged and thanked Ethel Chase for her 50 years of 4-H volunteer work and proclaimed June 8, 2006, as Ethel Chase day in Kent County.

Area Agency on Aging – Senior Millage Presentation

Jackie O'Connor, Assistant Director of the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan, reviewed the Kent County Senior Millage 2005 report (copy of which is on file in the Office of the County Clerk). The millage was passed in 1998 (8 year term), offers 39 services to help older adults live independently in their home, to be eligible for services you must be at least 60 years old, a resident of Kent County and have a service need.

Nancy Kehoe Nielsen, Senior Millage Review Committee Chair, said that the current senior millage has helped over 12,000 seniors annually, health care dollars are saved, family members have reduced stress, jobs were created, costs pennies a day to the average taxpayer and seniors are remaining in their homes where they want to live. This is the last year of the current millage and a new senior millage ballot issue will be decided in the August 8, 2006 primary.

Agricultural Preservation Board

Dennis Heffron, Chair of the Agricultural Preservation Board, appeared before both Standing Committees for an Agricultural Preservation Board Presentation. (A copy of which is on file in the Office of the County Clerk.) In summarization of his two prior presentations he said that Agriculture is an industry, one not only seen for food and fiber but also an energy source. Agriculture has become more intense. Farmers own less than 50% of the land they farm, the need for farm land is tremendous and the need will not go away especially with the production of energy. In order to participate in the Purchase of Development Rights Program townships had to adopt a resolution. Mr. Heffron feels that this is probably the best tool a township has had in years. In the past townships have tried to zone and create large lots to restrict development, preserve the rural character and agriculture but that has failed. This now gives townships the tool to put development where it should go and at the same time preserve agricultural land. The AG Board is looking for funding from the County and townships to be eligible for match dollars from state and federal programs.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of May 11, 2006 Meeting
- b) May 16, 2006 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
(Reports of Claims and Allowances)
- c) Resolutions:

**6-8-06-49 – APPROVE CONTRACT WITH FAIR HOUSING CENTER OF
GREATER GRAND RAPIDS & AUTHORIZE BOARD CHAIR TO
SIGN / COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

WHEREAS, as a recipient of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, the County is committed to fair housing in its service area; and

WHEREAS, Fair Housing Center of Greater Grand Rapids' (FHC) mission is to promote equal housing opportunity throughout the Grand Rapids metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, this is the twenty-second year that the Community Development department will use the services of FHC; and

WHEREAS, FHC is the sole provider of fair housing services in Kent County; and

WHEREAS, the contract period is October 1, 2005, to September 30, 2006.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners enter into a contract with Fair Housing Center of Greater Grand Rapids; and

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

**6-8-06-50 – APPROVE CONTRACT WITH DISABILITY ADVOCATES OF
KENT COUNTY & AUTHORIZE BOARD CHAIR TO SIGN /
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

WHEREAS, this would be the twelfth year that the Community Development Department has utilized the services of Disability Advocates of Kent County and its predecessor; and

WHEREAS, this non-profit agency will develop and maintain a list of handicap-accessible properties, provide accessibility modification designs to participating residential properties, and assist participants in obtaining resources to fund accessibility; and

WHEREAS, Corporate Counsel has reviewed and approved the agreement; and

WHEREAS, the contract period is October 1, 2005, to September 30, 2006.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners contract with Disability Advocates of Kent County; and

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

**6-8-06-51 – APPROVE CONTRACT WITH HOME REPAIR SERVICES OF
KENT COUNTY, INC. & AUTHORIZE BOARD CHAIR TO SIGN /
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

WHEREAS, the Community Development Department has used the services of Home Repair Services of Kent County, Inc., (HRS) for the

provision of an Emergency Minor Home Repair Service Program for 20 years; and

WHEREAS, the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has recognized HRS, a not-for-profit agency, as a sole provider of these services; and WHEREAS, the new contract, if approved, will continue the Emergency Home Repair (\$57,000), Builder's Abundance (\$20,000), Accessibility Modifications (\$23,000), and Volunteer Coordination (\$6,000) programs, and initiate a Foreclosure Intervention program (\$4,000); and

WHEREAS, Corporate Counsel has reviewed and approved the agreement; and

WHEREAS, the contract period is September 1, 2005, to September 30, 2006.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners contract with Home Repair Services of Kent County, Inc., and

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

**6-8-06-52 – ACCEPT GRANT FROM AREA COMMUNITY SERVICE
EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING (ACSET) / FRIEND OF THE COURT**

WHEREAS, for at least the last eleven years, the County has operated or been affiliated with the Work First (WF) program formerly known as Parents' Fair Share; and

WHEREAS, the objective of the WF program is to provide employment services for unemployed parents with child support obligations in Kent County; and

WHEREAS, the grant will continue to pay 100% of the salaries and benefits for three existing positions; and

WHEREAS, the contract period is October 1, 2006, to September 30, 2007.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby accepts a grant from the Area Community Service Employment & Training agency, contingent upon award and execution of a contract; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the event grant funding is eliminated or decreased, the position(s) will be eliminated unless continuation funding is approved pursuant to the Fiscal Policy on Grants; and

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

**6-8-06-53 - COMMISSIONERS & JUDICIARY BENEFIT AND PENSION PLAN
CHANGES / HUMAN RESOURCES**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners recently approved benefit changes for Management Pay Plan employees to provide consistency with recent bargaining agreements; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners and Judiciary benefits have been consistent with Management Pay Plan employees' benefits; and

WHEREAS, the benefit change areas are prescriptions, dental, retirement plan, and retiree health care; and

WHEREAS, this is a voluntary benefit for Commissioners to participate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves benefits and pension changes for Commissioners and Judiciary as follows:

- prescription drug co-pays from \$10 for all prescriptions to \$10 for generic, \$15 formulary/brand name, and \$30 non-formulary prescriptions
- the dental benefit annual maximum family reimbursement amount will increase to \$1,800 for 2006, and \$2,000 for 2007
- the contribution rate to Kent County Employees' Retirement Plan for Commissioners from a standard 6.5% to a variable contribution rate and designate the Administrator/Controller to amend Pension plan
- the supplement for retiree health care for Commissioners to \$250 per month for 25 years or more of service and a pro-rated monthly supplement for less than 25 years of service

**6-8-06-54 – VETERAN'S TRUST SPECIAL ALLOTMENT GRANT /
VETERAN'S TRUST**

WHEREAS, the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund (MVTF) provides temporary financial assistance to veterans for emergency purposes. The program, through the MVTF county committee serving Kent County, dispenses grants to veterans and their families to relieve temporary, emergent financial crisis or hardship. Temporary assistance granted by the MVTF for emergencies or hardships is available to eligible wartime veterans, and their families, residing in the state; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2006, Veteran's Trust Fund, adopted budget was created based on an estimate, in the amount of \$30,582; and

WHEREAS, in the State of Michigan's FY 2006 adopted budget, \$66,264 was made available to Kent County's MVTF. As a result, an additional, \$35,682 budget appropriation is required in order for Veteran's Trust to take advantage of these funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the appropriation of an additional \$35,682 from the State of Michigan to the FY 2006 Veteran's Trust Fund Budget.

(Commissioners Koorndyk & Hiddema asked that resolutions 6-8-06-49 & 6-8-06-50 be removed from the Consent Agenda.)

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

6-8-06-49 – APPROVE CONTRACT WITH FAIR HOUSING CENTER OF GREATER GRAND RAPIDS & AUTHORIZE BOARD CHAIR TO SIGN / COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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WHEREAS, Fair Housing Center of Greater Grand Rapids' (FHC) mission is to promote equal housing opportunity throughout the Grand Rapids metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, this is the twenty-second year that the Community Development department will use the services of FHC; and

WHEREAS, FHC is the sole provider of fair housing services in Kent County; and

WHEREAS, the contract period is October 1, 2005, to September 30, 2006.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners enter into a contract with Fair Housing Center of Greater Grand Rapids; and

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

Motion by Commissioner Mayhue, seconded by Commissioner Koorndyk, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Klein, Vaughn, Mayhue, Bulkowski, Postmus, Vander Molen, Mast, Agee, Morren, Voorhees, Boelema, Hiddema, Tanis, Horton, Rolls, Wahlfield, Vonk, Chair Morgan – 18.

Nays: 0.

Abstain: Koorndyk – 1.

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WHEREAS, this non-profit agency will develop and maintain a list of handicap-accessible properties, provide accessibility modification designs to participating residential properties, and assist participants in obtaining resources to fund accessibility; and

WHEREAS, Corporate Counsel has reviewed and approved the agreement; and

WHEREAS, the contract period is October 1, 2005, to September 30, 2006.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners contract with Disability Advocates of Kent County; and

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

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

RESOLUTIONS

**6-8-06-55 – UPDATE OF THE BOARD POLICY CONCERNING INVESTMENTS
/ FISCAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, a staff team consisting of Ken Parrish (County Treasurer), Steve Duarte (Deputy Director of Fiscal Services), and Robert White (Fiscal Services Director) has reviewed the Fiscal Policy-Investments and recommended certain changes to the document; and

WHEREAS, the update to the policy was necessitated by the issuance of Governmental Accounting Standards Board – Statement Number 40; and

WHEREAS, this statement was issued to identify and address risks inherent in any investment instrument utilized by the County. The proposed updated policy identifies these risks and the means of mitigating risk in the areas of credit, interest rate, liquidity and yield.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approves the revisions to the “Fiscal Policy-Investments.”

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

**6-8-06-56 – AUTHORIZATION OF A SUMMER 2006 (JULY 1, 2006)
GENERAL OPERATING PROPERTY TAX LEVY / FISCAL
SERVICES**

WHEREAS, pursuant to MCLA 141.412 and 141.413 notice of a public hearing concerning the 2006 County Budget was published in a newspaper of general circulation on August 28, 2005 and a public hearing concerning the budget was held on September 8, 2005; and

WHEREAS, the Kent County Board of Commissioners adopted a Fiscal Year 2006 Appropriation on September 22, 2005; and

WHEREAS, the budget as adopted requires the levy of 2.8535 mills for general operating purposes to be authorized for the 2006 summer tax billing which has a tax levy date of July 1, 2006.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby certifies a July 1, 2006 levy of taxation of 2.8535 mills for general operating purposes for the County of Kent and the County Clerk is directed to provide City/Township Treasurers with a certified copy of this resolution.

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

Yeas: Klein, Koorndyk, Vaughn, Mayhue, Bulkowski, Postmus, Vander Molen, Mast, Agee, Morren, Voorhees, Boelema, Hiddema, Tanis, Horton, Rolls, Wahlfeld, Vonk, Chair Morgan – 19.

Nays: 0.

REPORTS

There were no reports.

MISCELLANEOUS

Senior Millage

Commissioner Koornyk stated that he is supportive of the senior millage and appreciated the update.

Wahlfield Park

Commissioner Wahlfield thanked Commissioners and staff for the Wahlfield Park (Alpine Township) dedication on June 1, 2006.

Transportation Subcommittee

Commissioner Bulkowski asked when there would be an update on the Subcommittee on Transportation? Chair Morgan said an update will be forthcoming at the next meeting.

Senior Millage

Commissioner Hiddema stated that the Area Agency on Aging continues to be one of the finest organizations that he has ever worked with.

Commissioner Boelema stated that he also endorses the senior millage. By allowing people to stay in their homes it not only saves dollars but makes life better for that person.

Senior Millage & Recycling

Commissioner Postmus thanked the senior millage representatives and said he supports the millage. As Treasurer of the Senior Meals Program, he can attest to it being one of the largest outreach programs through Area Agency on Aging services. The senior pantry is available for mobile seniors giving them the opportunity to shop and talk with agency representatives to answer their questions and get their needs resolved.

Commissioner Postmus announced that the Department of Public Works is now accepting all plastics 1-7 in their recycling program. Gardeners can add greenhouse plastics to their curbside recycling.

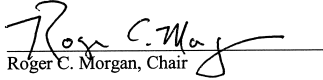
Senior Millage & Crime Prevention Meetings


Commissioner Mayhue stated that he also supports the senior millage.

Commissioner Mayhue stated that he is concerned after attending neighborhood crime prevention meetings and seeing a shift away from block clubs. It is a proven factor that block clubs are instrumental in the fight against crime in neighborhoods.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:44 a.m., Commissioner Mayhue moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, June 22, 2006, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 8:30 a.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Vaughn. Motion carried.


Roger C. Morgan, Chair


Sonya R. Dean, Chief Deputy County Clerk

PROCEEDINGS

of the
Kent County Board of Commissioners
June 22, 2006 – Central Dispatch Work
Session

Meeting called to order at 7:30 a.m. by Chair Roger C. Morgan.

Present: Commissioners Boelema, Bulkowski, Hiddema, Horton, Klein, Koorndyk, Mast, Mayhue, Morren, Postmus, Rolls, Tanis, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Vonk, Voorhees, Wahlfield, Chair Morgan - 18.

Absent: Agee - 1 (Excused).

INTRODUCTION

Chair Morgan introduced Curtis Holt, Chair of the Central Dispatch Authority Interim Administrative Policy Board, to review its report and recommendations (a copy of which is on file in the Office of the County Clerk).

BACKGROUND

In May 2005, the BOC entered into an agreement with the cities of Grandville, Walker & Wyoming to establish, and provide interim funding for, the Kent County Central Dispatch Authority.

The Interim Board members are:

- Curtis Holt, (Chair) Wyoming City Manager
- Larry Stelma, Sheriff
- Art Tanis, County Commissioner
- Chuck Deschaine, Walker City Commissioner
- Joe Sierawski, Grandville City Council Member

Purpose of Interim Board:

- Evaluate the findings of the Kent County E911 Central Dispatch Implementation Plan Final Report (2004)
 - Form a Dispatch Authority
 - Construct and operate a Consolidated Dispatch Center
 - Move to a new 800 MHz radio Platform
 - Levy .55 mills to fund the annual cost

SUMMARY

The original goals of the Kent County Dispatch Authority (set forth in 2004) cannot be attained at the present time.

- It is estimated that the cost of operating a centralized dispatch center exceeds the cost of existing dispatch operations for Kent County, Wyoming, Walker and Grandville by over \$1 million annually.
- Should the Authority move forward, irrespective of the cost, without participation of all municipalities with primary service answering points

(PSAPs), it would not achieve the objective of a countywide centralized dispatch.

- The inclusion of the City of Grand Rapids is welcomed

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Interim Board recommends that:

- consolidation be delayed
- technology improvements to standardize and integrate dispatch centers be pursued
- data collection and performance measures be standardized across all dispatch centers

Assumption #1

- Full participation in the Authority is recognition by all municipalities of the countywide E911 emergency communications challenges and demonstrates a willingness to collaboratively identify, fund and implement solutions

Assumption #2

- Participation by Municipalities with primary PSAPs does not necessitate or equate to combining all existing PSAPs into a single, centralized dispatch center

Assumption #3

- Make use of a telephone operational surcharge as a "user fee" supported funding mechanism for Authority Initiatives

FINDINGS

- 1) Resources should be directed toward technology and operations collaboration among existing dispatch centers to enhance interoperability and interagency awareness to improve the level of service for responding public safety agencies thereby improving response to the public.
- 2) The real benefit is that each PSAP can focus resources on operation while the Authority works collaboratively to replace, update, enhance, standardize and integrate needed technology.
- 3) The Authority can and should continue to pursue a long-term solution to resolve radio communications system limitations as a technology initiative. The key is the PSAPs doing it together.

FUTURE

- Formalize Authority Board
- Delay implementation of a Central Dispatch Center
- The Authority should focus on implementing technology initiatives not PSAP consolidation
- Resolve radio communications as a technology initiative

- Assess a telephone wire line operational surcharge to fund Authority initiatives
- Formal board will select rank and implement initiatives
- Advocate expansion of Emergency Telephone Service Enabling Act (PA32 of 1986) to include new technologies

(Mr. Holt asked for any questions from Commissioners at this time.)

QUESTIONS

Commissioner Mast – Where do cities that are not already with the program stand? Where will the funding to implement come from?

Mr. Holt - The interim board was formed with those communities that have PSAPs. Kentwood purchases its service from the KCSD and is represented by the Sheriff's Department. Grand Rapids did not want to be a party, however, they have had representatives at all meetings and have participated in the process. The contract that is recommended (restated agreement for Kent County Dispatch) includes Grand Rapids as a party to the agreement and as part of the Dispatch Authority. The funding will come through the surcharge (4% landline surcharge). It will take 3-5 years to get the technology in place to know exactly where the radio communications will be in order to then look at the future beyond that.

Commissioner Klein – Can you explain the statement (pg 6) “Stability of future revenues expects to be resolved by 2010”? Does that have to do with the legislation for the surcharge?

Mr. Holt – Currently the surcharge is assessed on landlines only and not cell phones. They believe it should be assessed on all technologies – all telephones. There is legislation being discussed now in Lansing on this.

Will there be any provisions with homes with multiple phone lines (fax line, elderly, low income, etc)

The surcharge is 4% on the landlines and the law doesn't allow for exceptions.

Commissioner Wahlfield – Where does the state police stand?

Mr. Holt – Being a multi-county dispatch center, the MSP would still have its own dispatch center. It has been an active participant in this process from the beginning. It wants to be a part of this dispatch center, however, the “how” hasn't been totally worked out because of its multi-county focus. A meeting was held to discuss the possibility of the MSP operating the center. Nothing further than the initial meeting has occurred. Today, part of the barrier is the technology issue – the difference between the MSP format and everyone else.

Wahlfield – There have been reported incidents of 911 busy signals.

Mr. Holt – Hopefully, we can eliminate this. There is a potential that someone could get a busy signal but it is pretty rare.

Commissioner Morren – Why is the amount to consolidate so much more than separate systems?

Mr. Holt – A couple of reasons: 1) Best Practices - The consultant hired to help formulate a system will only recommend best practices. The cost to provide service based upon that data (data integration) is based upon personnel costs (80% of the cost or more). Wyoming believes they operate efficiently and effectively, but in times of need (vacation, sick calls, etc) they fill the dispatcher positions with police officers. In this new scenario, you cannot do that and must have all dispatchers covering. 2) Fully loaded costs – If you go to a separate center you have to pay the cost of operating (administrative, housing, and rental

costs and anything else that goes with that). So you have the added personnel costs to meet the needs of that center as we've defined them and the fully loaded costs. Part of the reason to proceed in a 3-5 year model is to get better information and really find out what calls they are taking, and get the technology in place that allows them to do that. Better data is needed to refine that staffing model.

Commissioner Morren – Is each locality contributing to the overhead? All the local units could have some type of cost allocation and help fund. Is there some attempt to have the locals pay a portion of the program?

Mr. Holt - Have not come to a point in the process where they have allocated or looked at any kind of funding formula for the consolidated center. We have looked at how to get it moving, and how do we get technology in place so we can make some of those decisions.

Commissioner Voorhees – Defining of the composition of the board - will there be a balance on that board?

Mr. Holt – The board composition was formed through collaborative discussions amongst the County, the cities and the townships approximately 3-4 years ago. It was important during the discussions to the participants that we create partnerships ... a partnership between the entities that were providing the service and who we provide the service for. A ten-person board has been formed. With the addition of Grand Rapids, two seats were created for a 12-person dispatch board. The board is represented by the required representatives through the legislation: Michigan State Police, County Sheriff, fire representative (from townships) and the parties that are providing dispatch centers now, (included in that are some supporting entities – a couple of the communities that provide part-time dispatch services and then buy it the rest of the time) and township representation.

In order to get anything done, this board will have to work together and create a partnership. They will have to provide options or recommendations that meet the needs of Kent County citizens.

The Board of Commissioners would see what the composition of the board would be prior to any vote to establish the Authority. A 12-member board: Grand Rapids (2), Wyoming, Walker, Grandville, BOC, Sheriff, MSP, townships (2) and supporting cities (2).

The 4% operational surcharge raises about \$4 million. Has there been any type of input from the community about the surcharge?

Mr. Holt – No

The MSP dispatch is a very sound way to go. It would seem that interoperability within the counties of West Michigan would be very advantageous. Is that something that has to be made after an Authority is established? Or is that something we should be looking at now?

Mr. Holt - Interoperability can always be looked at. The issue is that there are differences in operations out there - people look at their needs differently. Under this system, interoperability is one of the key foundations. Ottawa, Ionia, Montcalm, Muskegon – we need to look at that – technology wise. Today there are systems in place where Ottawa County's central dispatch serves as back up for people here in Kent. So there is some of that in place today. Relative to the MSP – they have been a very active participant in this and will continue to be.

Commissioner Bulkowski - Did the creation of the 2 seats for the City of Grand Rapids address their concerns?

Mr. Holt - Hope so. The City of Grand Rapids has indicated that that is one of their primary issues. Our premise going through this all along has been about collaboration and cooperation. Everyone who has participated has stepped up and said that they want to cooperate and create a better system for Kent County.

Does the Board operate on a consensus model or a majority rules?

Mr. Holt - Still a majority board (7 out of the 12 members to make anything move).

Are there job descriptions for Administrator and Project Manager positions?

Mr. Holt - The Board would have to form those job descriptions.

Commissioner Hiddema – The items that still need to be done yet – what type of priority has been created?

Mr. Holt - Technology, interoperability and data collection are all interconnected. They need to be dealt with together. The radio communications issue is a separate issue which will probably move in a simultaneous way and from there the other issues will fall into place.

Is the Interim Committee's work completed? Will there be a bridge between that Committee and the collaborative body? Who will decide on the priority list - which item comes first?

Mr. Holt - The Interim Committee's work is completed. They have fulfilled the purpose that they set out to and the Authority Board itself will create the prioritization. The Authority Board will have input from the Interim Committee and many of the people that were part of that committee will be on the Authority Board (i.e., Sheriff, MSP).

From this point forward who has to do what?

Mr. Holt - The BOC, City of Grand Rapids, Wyoming, Walker and Grandville need to approve the Authority Agreement. Once the agreement is formalized and executed there needs to be a decision on the 4% surcharge. If the surcharge isn't assessed there is no funding to operate. These two decisions need to be made by the BOC. At the same time, after completed, the Authority Board would need to be appointed and start its work.

What would the financing be for the Board to function?

Mr. Holt - The financing for the interim model was a joint formula between those four participating agencies (Wyoming, Walker, Grandville & Kent County). In the plan, those entities should be reimbursed through the 4% surcharge for their past work. The 4% would need to be levied in January 2007. The Board of Commission has the sole control over levying the 4%.

Commissioner Vonk – Plainfield residents would ask why they need a 911 new dispatch when they can call and get service. There needs to be an educational piece for the general public.

Commissioner Postmus – Does the 4% surcharge cover the cost of the whole program?

Mr. Holt - The program that the Interim Committee set up - yes. Not the actual consolidated center and ongoing operations.

Does the amount that all other entities are putting towards their existing systems right now go towards the new system?

Mr. Holt - When looking at this as a countywide system – we are looking at a new funding source. A funding source that provides dispatch uniformly and equitably throughout the county for all those entities that need dispatch service. As we go

forward, the purpose of providing this is to provide better service countywide on an equitable basis for dispatch for all of those parties receiving the service countywide. The 4% is to cover the technology and the interoperability issues.

Commissioner Vander Molen – The 4% is less than \$1.

Mr. Holt - Yes, less than \$1.

Commissioner Mayhue – He is concerned how to sell the “benefits” to the public. Will have to show the public what the benefit is to them. More of a benefit than just having centralized service. If photo imaging is part of the new system, that would be a good sell to his constituents.

Mr. Holt - Photo imaging is part of technology. Some municipalities have that ability today. Some have the ability to create reports, imaging, etc. in the cars through the computers and other departments are still using punch cards (40 year old technology). This is about bringing everyone to the same level and to function the same so we can get some of the data needed to see how a consolidated center may work.

Commissioner Vaughn - We are going to call this the Central Dispatch Authority but if we keep those systems in place like they are now isn't this going to be like a relay system?

Mr. Holt - The name has been changed to just the Kent County Dispatch Authority. We have taken “central” out of it. We believe that the future of this might be multiple centers and we can be more effective as a group.

Commissioner Tanis – Currently on your phone bill you pay .29 cents (911 Kent County). Kent County does not see any of that money it goes right to the phone company. Kent County has never charged for 911 services. There are communities that are smaller than Kent that have been charging the 4% and do not have a 911 dispatch center. We are at a critical point now with the police departments around the County. Walker is in dire need of a CAD system. If we have to buy five CAD systems for the PSAPs around the County, it will be very expensive. If we only have to buy one - we have a cost savings. The same applies with record management. We are trying to collaborate with all the information coming to one spot. Everyone will have the ability to get a picture on a screen so that they know who the person is. This is what the 4% is going to do. 4% is on your basic phone bill. The basic phone bill is around \$17.00 so it would be .75 cents a month.

Commissioner Horton – What are the thoughts are far as a plan of action from here on?

Chair Morgan – Some of the next steps are to look at and formalize this Committee and then look at the technology needs. The overarching issue is the technology needs, integration and the interoperability. Interoperability is probably the most important thing that we are talking about. Accessibility is the other. The fewer relays and the more direct response that we can get the better off we are going to be.

Mr. Holt - The next steps are: get the contract to the BOC within the next couple of weeks. Relative to this - need to start in the introductory mode by this Fall. It will take each community a little time to decide who their member will be. In terms of the BOC and how this works: the BOC will have to look in the next few months at how your process works and starting this through your process. The BOC makes the appointments.

Commissioner Mayhue – Would like to see the board diversified.

Mr. Holt - The Board is comprised in the agreement of specific entities and those entities choose the recommended representative and forward to the County Commission.

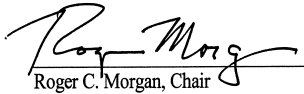
Commissioner Mast – Thanked the Committee for their work. Feels that we have made tremendous strides during the past year. The second recommendation “delaying implementation” sticks out as a negative and he believes that we are moving forward with implementation of a vastly improved system.

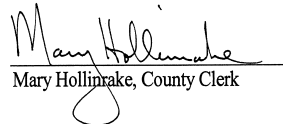
Commissioner Morren – Thanked Mr. Holt and the Interim Committee. He is confident that it will move forward at a very high level.

Chair Morgan – Thanked Mr. Holt and the Committee for all of their work.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:28 a.m., the Work Session was adjourned.


Roger C. Morgan, Chair


Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk

PROCEEDINGS

of the
Kent County Board of Commissioners
June 22, 2006 – Regular Meeting

Meeting called to order at 8:33 a.m. by Chair Roger C. Morgan.

Present: Commissioners Agee, Boelema, Bulkowski, Hiddema, Horton, Klein, Koorndyk, Mast, Mayhue, Morren, Postmus, Rolls, Tanis, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Vonk, Voorhees, Wahlfield, Chair Morgan – 19.

Absent: None.

Invocation: Commissioner Vaughn introduced Reverend Robert Dean who gave the invocation.
The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Theron Carter, 4105 West Crane Road, Middleville – Read a letter (copy of which is on file in the Office of the County Clerk) requesting that the Board investigate fraud and conspiracy regarding his mother and his dealings with Probate Court.
2. Clyde Sallie, 2321 Kent Blvd., Grand Rapids – Protested the minutes of the June 8th Board of Commission meeting in which appeared the statement by the Board Chair to the Sallie Family during Public Comment.
3. Mike DeVriendt, 2121 7th Street. Grand Rapids – Executive Director of the Senior Meals Agency - thanked the Board for its continued support of the Senior Meals Program.
4. Theotus Bates, 3010 Peckheath SW, Wyoming – Requested that the Board look again at the issues with the medical examiner brought to them by citizens.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Convention & Visitors' Bureau Update

Steve Wilson and Joe Tomaselli reported on the steady growth over the past two years in convention business and that they have bookings into 2015. The goal to expand the audience and share Kent County has led to a new marketing campaign currently underway. They thanked the Board for its investment and reported room tax collections are up 13%. The new Marriott Hotel will open in 15 months, bringing more hotel rooms to the downtown area. Even with the facility and attractions, there is concern with rising airline rates.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of June 8, 2006 Meeting
- b) June 6, 2006 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes (Reports of Claims and Allowances)
- c) Resolutions:

**6-22-06-57 – APPROVE CONTRACT WITH SENIOR MEALS PROGRAM, INC.
AND AUTHORIZE BOARD CHAIR TO SIGN / COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT**

WHEREAS, the Community Development Department has used the services of Senior Meals Program, Inc., since 1993; and

WHEREAS, the proposed contract provides funding for home-delivered meals to diabetic seniors and disabled persons residing in the 32 CDBG participating communities within Kent County; and

WHEREAS, approximately 50,000 meals would be provided under this proposed contract at a cost not to exceed \$60,000; and

WHEREAS, Corporate Counsel has reviewed and approved the agreement; and

WHEREAS, the contract period is January 1, 2006, to December 31, 2006.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners contract with Senior Meals Program, Inc., and

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

**6-22-06-58 – ADOPTION OF PENSION / RETIREMENT POLICY / HUMAN
RESOURCES**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners authorizes the Kent County Pension Board of Trustees to review requests for plan benefits that are *not* already provided for in the Plan; and

WHEREAS, any changes to the Plan Document require final approval by the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the County Administrator/Controller has developed procedures for inquiries regarding plan benefits that are not already provided for or addressed in the Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners adopt a policy for pension plan amendments.

**6-22-06-59 – AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND
CONTRACT APPROVAL – COMPREHENSIVE PLAN /
COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

WHEREAS, Public Act 511 of 1988 provides funding for Community Corrections Advisory Boards to administer and operate programs to provide alternatives to incarceration for offenders; and

WHEREAS, the administrative amount requested represents the full amount of funds available to Kent County. Since administration costs exceed the cap imposed by the grantor, an allocation of general fund dollars will be included in the County's 2007 budget to support the full cost of the program; and

WHEREAS, if approved, funding will be provided to the following local programs: Kent County Court Services Department (Pretrial Programs, Work Crew and Community Service Programs, Case Management and Risk Assessment), Kent County Sheriff's Department, Pine Rest Mental Health Services, Project Rehab, Alternative Directions, Arbor Circle AOS, Grand Rapids Public School's Business and Industry Center, Prodigal Human Services, Network 180, Goodwill Industries, Family Outreach Center, 61st District Court and the Kent County Correctional Facility; and

WHEREAS, the grant request also includes funding for Probation Residential Services for Alternative Directions, Pine Rest, and Project Rehab; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated grant period is October 1, 2006, to September 30, 2007. It is expected that the grant will be renewable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the annual Community Corrections' Comprehensive Plan and application for funding under PA 511 of 1988; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorizes contracts with the proposed vendors not-to-exceed the recommended funding amount.

6-22-06-60 – APPROVE CONTRACT WITH KENT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES (KCDHS) AND AUTHORIZE BOARD CHAIR TO SIGN / COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, HUD requires entities seeking funds for homelessness activities to prepare a Continuum of Care strategy detailing the needs and proposed responses to those needs as the basis of any funding application; and

WHEREAS, since December 1, 1999, a staff position at The Salvation Army has been responsible for providing the coordination and consultation needed to develop and write the Continuum of Care strategy; and

WHEREAS, this process involves more than 70 support service agencies, shelter providers and interested local government agencies; and

WHEREAS, because the problems associated with homelessness would most likely increase in severity if funding from HUD was curtailed or lost, the Kent County Department of Human Services (KCDHS) agreed to act in a fiduciary capacity to collect the funds needed to cost-share a staff position at The Salvation Army to develop and write the Continuum of Care strategy; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the \$10,000 of Kent County's Community Development Administrative funds, the KCDHS would collect \$25,000 from the City of Grand Rapids and utilize a portion of the Current Unmet Needs funds allocated to the KCDHS by Kent County thereby creating the total needed to cover the continuing salary and benefit costs of this position at The Salvation Army; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has annually approved funding for this position since December 1, 1999; and

WHEREAS, Corporate Counsel has reviewed and approved the agreement; and

WHEREAS, the contract period is January 1, 2006, to December 31, 2006.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approve the Community Development Department's request to enter into a contract with the Kent County Department of Human Services; and

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

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

RESOLUTIONS**6-22-06-61 – JAIL MENTAL HEALTH UNIT / SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the creation of a mental health unit, at the jail, will consolidate the male mental health jail beds into one direct supervision housing unit. This new 39-bed jail mental health unit would hold all the male inmates on the highest level of suicide precaution, all the male inmates with a serious mental illness, and many of the male inmates on lesser levels of suicide watch; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a special housing unit will maximize the observation levels and the support provided by mental health staff without the expense of new construction. Observation will be enhanced by the use of doors, with much more window area, and with additional cameras; and

WHEREAS, this project has been reviewed and recommended by the CIP Review Committee as part of the 2007 budget process. Based on John Rakis' Technical Assistance Report presented to the Board on January 26, 2006, this project is being recommended to be funded in FY 2006; and

WHEREAS, total project costs are estimated at \$199,500, including construction costs of \$182,000 and furnishing costs of \$17,500.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the Jail Mental Health Unit Renovation project and the transfer of \$199,500 from the Undesignated CIP Fund Balance

Motion by Commissioner Voorhees, supported by Commissioner Boelema, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Agee, Boelema, Bulkowski, Hiddema, Horton, Klein, Koorndyk, Mast, Mayhue, Morren, Postmus, Rolls, Tanis, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Vonk, Voorhees, Wahlfeld, Chair Morgan – 19.

Nays: 0.

6-22-06-62 – AMENDMENT OF KENT COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PLAN / HUMAN RESOURCES

WHEREAS, the Kent County Employees' Retirement Plan has been amended from time to time since its adoption in 1948, the latest occurring in June 2004; and

WHEREAS, the amendment is the result of collective bargaining, a recommendation from the Pension Board, and for clarification of existing plan language.

- Section 2.01(m), definition of Eligible Employee, is modified for clarity.
- Section 4.01(a), Eligibility, is modified to specifically name those who are and are not eligible to participate in the plan.
- Section 5.01(d) amends the plan for a change in benefit as the result of the latest collective bargaining agreement with the UAW which provides consistency with other bargaining units and the MPP.
- Section 9.02(b) amends the plan to bring it up to date with changes to the employee contribution rate as negotiated and approved by the Board of Commissioners.
- Section 9.02(d) amends the plan to allow two additional payment options for the purchase of prior service credit upon re-employment as recommended by the Pension Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves an amendment of the Kent County Employees' Retirement Plan to incorporate changes as a result of the latest collective bargaining agreements with the UAW and the POLC Captains and Lieutenants; to provide additional payment options for the purchase of prior County service upon re-employment as recommended by the Pension Board; and to clarify and align plan language with the long-standing operational practices.

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

6-22-06-63 - REVISION TO 82 IONIA PARKING RAMP FEE SCHEDULE / FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2005, Kent County purchased the 82 Ionia building including a two level parking structure totaling 122 parking spaces; and

WHEREAS, approximately 55 parking spaces are leased on a monthly basis by local area businesses and residents; the leases and rates for these parking spaces were assumed by Kent County from the previous building owner, SIBSCO, LLC. Annual revenue received by the County for the 82 Ionia parking structure is approximately \$75,000; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Rapids Parking Services, which owns and manages local parking ramps, evaluates their parking rates annually and adjusts them on July 1. The following table indicates adjacent City of Grand Rapids Parking Services Parking Ramp rates, effective, July 1, 2005:

Pearl—Ionia Ramp	\$132.00 per month
Monroe-Ionia Ramp	\$120.50 per month
Kent County's current monthly rate for the 82 Ionia parking ramp is \$114.00; and	

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Rapids has approved an increase to their rates of 2.8% effective July 1, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Facilities Management recommends to increase 82 Ionia parking rates by 2.8%, which will result in a monthly parking rate of \$117.00 per space, effective July 1, 2006.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approves amending the 82 Ionia Parking Ramp fee schedule to \$117 per month per space effective July 1, 2006.

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

REPORTS

There were no reports.

MISCELLANEOUS

Recycling

Commissioner Postmus reported that the citywide recycling program now accepts all plastics 1 through 7 except styrofoam. Plastic grocery bags can now be added to curbside recycling. All units of government and haulers have been so notified.

MAC Meeting

Commissioner Mast reported that, as a member of the MAC Board, he attended a meeting with the State House Local Government Caucus where they discussed the loss of funding to local governments. He was encouraged by the meeting and will keep the Board updated.

Gun Amnesty

Commissioner Mayhue thanked the Sheriff, Prosecutor and Fifth Third Bank for their participation in the gun amnesty program. He stated that, although more details need to be worked out, he hopes Kent County will lend some type of support.

Draft Resolution

Commissioner Horton thanked Chair Morgan for allowing the Agricultural Preservation Board Presentation. He has prepared a draft resolution for Commissioners' consideration and possible co-sponsorship. This resolution would allocate to the Agricultural Preservation Board an amount up to \$500,000, but restricts those funds only to applications that have received matching funds from the State or Federal government. It would allow for limited use up to \$20,000 for funds to actually do the appraisals on some of the highest scoring applications. Finally, it would require a township contribution of 10% of the County contribution per applicant.

Miscellaneous Comment

Commissioner Morren requested a review of the Standing Rules because he is concerned that some Miscellaneous comment is out of order.

Transportation Subcommittee

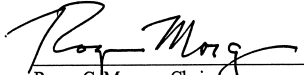
Chair Morgan announced the formation of a Transportation Subcommittee to look at the transportation needs in Kent County. Serving on the subcommittee will be Commissioners Vander Molen (Chair), Bulkowski, Rolls, Morren, Agee and Tanis.

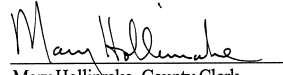
Assistant Corporate Counsel

Sherry Batzer introduced Linda Howell, the new Assistant Corporate Counsel, who will assist in providing legal services to the Board and other County agencies and departments.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:32 a.m., Commissioner Mayhue moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, July 13, 2006, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 8:30 a.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Tanis. Motion carried.


Roger C. Morgan, Chair


Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk

PROCEEDINGS

of the
Kent County Board of Commissioners
July 13, 2006 – Work Session

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

Present: Commissioners Agee, Boelema, Bulkowski, Hiddema, Horton, Klein, Koorndyk, Mast, Mayhue, Postmus, Rolls, Tanis, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Voorhees, Wahlfeld, Chair Morgan - 17.

Absent: Morren, Vonk – 2 (Excused).

2005 Audit Report – BDO Seidman

Larry Oberst and associates reviewed the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (year ended 12/31/05), Memorandum of Recommendations and SAS 61 letter (copies on file in the Office of the County Clerk).

Q & A:

Commissioner Agee - Does BDO offer a consulting service on ensuring privacy of data?

Mr. Oberst – They could recommend vendors who provide that service.

Commissioner Mayhue – What was the net amount to come off the refunded bonds?

Bob White – Last year, the building authority bonds were refinanced (for construction of courthouse). Refinancing saved approximately \$3 million dollars.

Legislative Update – Public Affairs Associates

Becky Bechler stated that although the Legislature is in recess, the budget is still in process, and should be completed today. The Legislature returns on 7/26 to vote on the '06-'07 budget and, if time permits, can vote on other matters.

Education was the winner in this proposed budget. The K-12 budget received a \$200 per pupil increase which brings it to approximately \$7,000 per pupil. The higher education and community college budgets each received a 3% increase.

The Departments of Community Health and Corrections took the biggest hits. However, there will be no cuts in Medicaid eligibility or welfare case loads. All state agencies were cut.

Other issues in front of the legislature:

- Eminent Domain
- Minimum wage hike and overtime exemptions
- SBT (Single Business Tax) repeal – Legislature will do so between now and September.
- November ballot proposals (deadline for petition signatures was July 10th) - Kent should watch these due to the financial impact on state revenue sharing:
 - 1) S-0-S - Stop overspending initiative
 - 2) K-16 Coalition / funding mandate

Significant to Kent County (watching):

- Technical amendment to hotel tax (passed house)
- Option to let counties go to July 1 fiscal year

Q & A:

Commissioner Horton – Would the SOS initiative prohibit counties from raising user fees without the vote of the people?

Ms. Bechler – Will check and report back.

Commissioner Mayhue – Status of the social work licensure legislation?

Ms. Bechler – Because of cuts within the Community Health budget, the proposed language was not included due to funding concerns. She will check and report back.

Commissioner Vaughn - Is the Michigan Civil Rights initiative going back to court?

Ms. Bechler – The Mayor of Detroit has initiated another court battle. She will check in which court the suit is and report back.

Commissioner Agee – The SOS initiative user fee issue could impact the airport. It has user fees on everything and is totally self funded.

Commissioner Boelema – Was the increase of \$200 per pupil for education the desired amount?

Ms. Bechler - The senate and the house had proposed \$20 and \$15 more, respectively.

Chair Morgan – What is the status on the Road Commission Board issue?

Ms. Bechler - Is still in conference. At this point, they cannot break the stalemate. However, they will continue to keep pressure on.

Kent County Dispatch Update

Darwin Baas stated that, at the June 22 Work Session, Curtis Holt provided an overview of the recommendations of the Dispatch Authority. He briefly discussed the next steps (see chart below), if the Board were to move that recommendation forward.

Action Step	By When
Kent County BOC work session – overview of move forward action steps and timeline	July 13
KC FPR Committee approval extending current KCCDA Agreement to November 14 and approval of amended and restated KCDA agreement.	July 18
KC Board of Commissioners decision to approve extending current KCCDA Agreement and approval of the amended and restated KCDA Agreement	July 27
Municipal approval extending current and amended and restated Agreement by cities of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grandville • Walker • Wyoming 	August 22 August 22 August 15
City of Grand Rapids receives KCDA Agreement	August 25
<i>Interim period expires. Original KCCDA Agreement becomes null and void according to terms of the agreement without participating municipality action.</i>	August 31, 2006
City of Grand Rapids joins KCDA and executes intergovernmental agreement	By November 14
<i>Extended interim period expires. Original KCCDA and amended and restated Agreement becomes null and void if City of Grand Rapids doesn't approve KCDA Agreement.</i>	November 14, 2006
KC LHR Committee recommendation of the County representatives to serve on KCDA board	November 28
KC Board of Commissioners approval of County representative appointments to the KCDA Board	December 14
Grandville, Grand Rapids, Walker & Wyoming make appointments to KCDA Board	December
KCDA administrative policy board formalized	January 2007
KC FPR Committee recommendation to assess telephone wire line operational surcharge	January 2007
KC Board of Commissioners approves the assessment of up to a 4% telephone wire line operational surcharge and adopts tentative 911 Plan amendment; final hearing date set with a 90 day public notice; State 911 Coordinator notified of intent to assess surcharge.	January 2007
KC Board of Commissioners holds public hearing with 90 public notice and adopts 911 Plan amendment; Plan amendment filed with State	April 2007
Telephone companies notified to begin collecting telephone surcharge	April 2007
Telephone companies start collecting telephone surcharge	May 2007
Surcharge received by Kent County and forwarded to KCDA	June 2007
KCDA moves forward with technology initiatives	June 2007

Q & A:**Commissioner Hiddema – The January 2007 deadline refers to the assessment of up to a 4% telephone wire line operational surcharge not cell phones?**

Mr. Baas – That is something the state legislature has to address.

Commissioner Tanis - Has the City Commission seen the agreement yet?

Mr. Baas – His understanding is that staff at the City of Grand Rapids cannot formally take this to the Commission until the County and participating cities (Grandville, Walker, Wyoming) open up the Authority to allow the City of Grand Rapids to participate. This action goes to Finance Committee next week.

Commissioner Bulkowski – Does the amended agreement take into consideration Grand Rapids' concern of representation?

Mr. Baas – The Board representation for Grand Rapids was increased from 1 to 2.

Commissioner Boelema - Does the 4% surcharge include or exclude the cell phone funds?

Mr. Baas – There is a surcharge on cell phones but it is currently directed to the two dispatch centers that handle cell phone calls - the Michigan State Police and City of Grand Rapids. It is not a substantial amount of money – roughly \$400,000 a year. The 4% would not apply to those telephones. The Authority wants not only cell phones, but voice override, internet, etc. available to be assessed.

Mr. Baas added that on July 18th, the Finance Committee will consider:

- 1) extending interim period beyond 8/31 and extending to 11/14
- 2) consider restated agreement (which focuses on integration and technology, not forming one dispatch center)

DHS Building (415 Franklin) Project Update

Assistant Administrator Mary Swanson reviewed the events leading up to the situation of 415 Franklin.

Mid July of 2004 - Rep. Kooiman met with County and City staffs to hear our desire to do something about 415 Franklin.

September 2004 – County agreed to contract for an architectural and project cost estimating proposal with Design Plus for approximately \$30,000.

GIS searches of DHS clients were utilized to look at the best location. Sheldon Complex became that site and making it a co-located facility for the present County health clinic and upgrade the ACSET services.

November 2005 – County issued a letter to the State saying the discussion is going in a good direction, but we need to get out of 415 Franklin. Would like something by June 30, 2006, that says we are on a definitive “move out” path.

February 2006 – A concept proposal was agreed by all partners at a staff level on March 20, 2006.

Present

- Agreed to the square footage, parking spaces, meet with neighborhood leadership, who are supportive.
- Had to show that we control the land in order to get lease approved by the state.

- Action item will appear at the July 18th Finance Committee regarding options on the property at Sheldon with the City.
- Showed the Attorney General's Office the master lease. This will be a building authority project. The building authority will lease the project to the County; the County will sub-lease it to its partners.
- Now negotiating the sub-lease with the State. We received the first copy of a lease on May 12th from the State. Next draft came back middle of June, still have some issues. Went back and forth the week of June 13. We want legislative approval on this, this year while Rep. Kooiman is still in office.
- The State had to slow down due to internal issues.
- Chair Morgan wrote the State saying that we will keep working on the Sheldon Proposal. We think it's best for all taxpayers, but we also have to look at our goal of getting out of 415 Franklin and encouraging them to move quickly to remedy that.
- We are preparing a Request for Proposals (RFP) to sell 415 Franklin. That doesn't take away from the process at Sheldon, but it says that if the Sheldon Project can't come to fruition, we have taken the steps we need to disassociate ourselves from Franklin.
- Will seek authorization on the RFP at the next Finance Committee meeting.

Q & A:

Commissioner Vaughn – If the “Sheldon” deal goes through, what happens to 415 Franklin?

Ms. Swanson – No plans yet since we wouldn't vacate 415 Franklin until mid-2009.

Commissioner Mayhue – Is there any opposition to the Sheldon proposal?

Mr. Britt – One of the key players in that community is the ICCF (Jonathan Radford, Director). Mr. Radford wanted to make sure that the City included the elements of the Wealthy Street Development Plan. He will be included as we move forward, and, we don't feel that it will be a stumbling block.

Commissioner Bulkowski – What is the RFP for?

Ms. Swanson – To sell the building, subject to the lease with the DHS.

2007 Budget Process Update

Bob White reviewed the time line for the 2007 budget (copy on file in the Office of the County Clerk). Gave a brief estimate of revenues and expenditures for 2006 & 2007.

Operating budget is in midstream. Departments submitted their operating budget requests for 2007, which have gone through committee review.

Miscellaneous

Chair Morgan announced the formation of a Sports Subcommittee comprising Commissioners Koorndyk (Chair), Morren, Vander Molen, and local Attorney Bill McDonald.

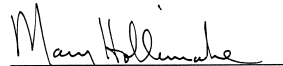
Commissioner Mayhue:

- 1) Asked the Board to help fund the gun amnesty program, which has raised \$5,000.
- 2) Wants Board to give money to a faith based church program to increase jobs in the City of Grand Rapids.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:40 a.m., the Work Session was adjourned.


Roger C. Morgan, Chair


Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk

PROCEEDINGS

of the
Kent County Board of Commissioners
July 27, 2006 – Regular Meeting

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

Present: Commissioners Agee, Boelema, Bulkowski, Hiddema, Horton, Klein, Koorndyk, Mast, Mayhue, Morren, Postmus, Tanis, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Vonk, Voorhees, Wahlfield, Chair Morgan – 18.

Absent: Rolls – 1 (Excused).

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Sally Borghese, 648 Lamoreaux Dr NW, Comstock Park - Is an advocate for child protection services reform.
2. Mona Sallie, 2321 Kent Blvd., Grand Rapids – Her mother, Annie Mae Sallie, was an unsung hero for her community activism, along with others, for starting the Henry Street School PTA, neighborhood block parties, police community relations, parent-student talent shows, etc. That is just one of the reasons that her family has continued to appear before the Board. However, the family has agreed to discontinue appearing before the Board, and "let God have his way with the situation."
3. Kristi Sallie, 2321 Kent Blvd., Grand Rapids – Mentioned inaccuracies she believes appeared in a statement read by the Board Chair, to the Sallie Family during Public Comment, at the June 8, 2006 Commission meeting.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

GFOA 2006 Distinguished Budget Presentation Award

Bob White, Fiscal Services Director, presented Chair Morgan with the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award by the Government Finance Officers Association, for the Fiscal Year 2006 Budget. Kent County has received this award for the past four consecutive years.

Kent District Library Annual Report

Martha Smart, Director of the Kent District Library (KDL), reviewed the 2005 Annual Report (copy on file in the Office of the County Clerk). The KDL encompasses 18 branches and a service center. Its website (www.kdl.org) received 25 million hits in 2005, visitors to the libraries totaled 2.6 million, the summer reading club is the largest in the State and it presently employs 195.

MAC Update

Commissioner Mast gave an update on MAC (Michigan Association of Counties) and announced that he will seek re-election to the Board of Directors in the Fall.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of June 22, 2006 Meeting & Work Session and July 13, 2006 Work Session
- b) June 20 & July 18, 2006 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes (Reports of Claims and Allowances)
- c) BDO Seidman Audit Report – Receive and File
- d) Resolutions:

7-27-06-64 – FEE SCHEDULE AND SIDWELL CONTRACT RENEWAL / BUREAU OF EQUALIZATION

WHEREAS, Public Act 462 of 1996 (Enhanced Access to Public Records Act), as amended, authorizes the County to charge a reasonable fee for access to various map products; and

WHEREAS, as required by County Fiscal Policy – Fees and Charges, departments are required to review their fees and charges annually and to forward recommend changes to the Board of Commissioners as part of the budget process; and

WHEREAS, the current fee schedule for the Bureau of Equalization was approved in 2003. The Bureau of Equalization is recommending one change to that schedule, bringing the charge more in line with the time spent and other fees for similar products. If approved, the changes would be effective August 1, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the County has also contracted with the Sidwell Company for approximately 30 years for the production of half-size atlases that Sidwell leases to an estimated 70 institutional clients in Kent County. Sidwell pays the County a royalty for their limited use of the map for lease sales. The current contract terminated in September 2005; and

WHEREAS, Bureau of Equalization staff is recommending that the contract be renewed for an additional two year period, after which time it is anticipated that the County will be able to provide access to the maps through its GIS system.

The proposed contract increases the County royalty fee paid by Sidwell from 10 to 20 percent, and also increases the number of free atlas licenses provided to the Bureau for staff use.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves adjustments in the Equalization Department fee schedule; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approves the contract agreement with The Sidwell Company for sales and marketing of Kent County tax maps.

7-27-06-65 – NEW FISCAL POLICY GOVERNING ELECTRONIC TRANSFER OF PUBLIC FUNDS / FISCAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, PA 738 of 2002 requires the adoption of a policy regarding the electronic transfer of public funds; and

WHEREAS, a staff team consisting of Ken Parrish (County Treasurer), Steve Duarte (Deputy Director of Fiscal Services), and Robert White (Fiscal Service Director) prepared the proposed policy; and

WHEREAS, this policy governs the use of electronic funds transfer by County staff in day to day operations; and

WHEREAS, the policy further defines respective responsibilities for utilization of same and recordkeeping responsibilities between the County Treasurer's Office and Fiscal Services Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approves a new Fiscal Policy governing the use of electronic transfer of public funds.

Motion by Commissioner Klein, seconded by Commissioner Agee, to approve the consent agenda items.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Vonk, Wahlfield, Horton, Tanis, Hiddema, Boelema, Voorhees, Morren, Agee, Mast, Vander Molen, Postmus, Bulkowski, Mayhue, Vaughn, Koorndyk, Klein, Chair Morgan – 18.

Nays: 0.

RESOLUTIONS

7-27-06-66 – EXTENSION OF KENT COUNTY CENTRAL DISPATCH AGREEMENT AND APPROVAL OF AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT / ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, in May 2005 the County and the cities of Grandville, Walker and Wyoming entered into an agreement to create the Kent County Central Dispatch Authority (KCCDA) with an interim administrative policy board to make a recommendation regarding a move forward plan for central dispatch functions for Kent County; and

WHEREAS, at the June 22, 2006, work session, the KCCDA interim board presented its findings and recommendations to the Board of Commissioners. The recommendation to move forward with the formal Authority were predicated on 1) formalizing the board and participation in the Authority by all municipalities with primary dispatch centers, including the City of Grand Rapids; 2) a focus on technology initiatives to integrate dispatch operations but not centralizing all dispatch operations into one center; and 3) the use of a wire line telephone operational surcharge of up to four percent to fund Authority initiatives; and

WHEREAS, by its terms, the current KCCDA Agreement will expire on August 31, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the interim KCCDA board is recommending the current participating municipalities extend the existing Agreement until November 14, 2006, the deadline for all municipalities to approve the amended and restated Agreement and join the Authority; and

WHEREAS, the amended and restated agreement has been reviewed and approved as to form by Corporate Counsel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby extends the existing Kent County Central Dispatch Authority Agreement until November 14, 2006; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approves the amended and restated KCCDA Agreement subject to the approval of the City Commissions of Grand Rapids, Grandville, Walker and Wyoming.

Motion by Commissioner Tanis, supported by Commissioner Morren, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried by voice vote.

7-27-06-67 – REAPPRAISAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS – NEW POSITIONS AND BUDGET APPROPRIATION / BUREAU OF EQUALIZATION

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Rapids is under a State mandate to perform a City-wide reappraisal, and has requested the County to perform the reappraisal of commercial and industrial properties, citing the County's extensive knowledge and experience in this area; and

WHEREAS, benefits to the County include obtaining current records on all city commercial/industrial parcels. 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 reducing 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 one FTE appraiser can be directed to the project. In order to complete the project in the 24-month timeframe, the Bureau of Equalization would be required to add two additional Appraiser III positions; and

WHEREAS, the proposed contract outlines the scope of work and the responsibilities of the two parties, and provides that all costs associated with the function will be paid for by the City of Grand Rapids. The annual cost of the contract (personnel, supplies, technology, copies and cost allocation) is estimated at \$251,455 annually, and \$8,514 in start-up costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves the contract with the City of Grand Rapids for Reappraisal Services, and adds two Appraiser III positions (JAW 26) to the Bureau of Equalization to accommodate the additional workload; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board appropriates an additional \$130,173 to the 2006 budget to account for revenues and expenditures associated with the contract; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event that contractual funding is discontinued or fails to fully support the positions, the positions will be eliminated.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Vonk, Wahlfield, Horton, Tanis, Hiddema, Boelema, Voorhees, Morren, Agee, Mast, Vander Molen, Postmus, Bulkowski, Mayhue, Vaughn, Koorndyk, Klein, Chair Morgan – 18.

Nays: 0.

7-27-06-68 – SPLIT PROCESSING SERVICES CONTRACT WITH CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS – NEW POSITION AND BUDGET APPROPRIATION / BUREAU OF EQUALIZATION

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Rapids has requested the County to perform certain duties associated with land division activities historically performed by the City; and

WHEREAS, Equalization staff has determined that performing this function on behalf of the City will allow information to be received in a timely manner and provide greater customer service for property owners seeking to split parcels within the City; and

WHEREAS, the additional workload can be accommodated by the County with the addition of one .5 FTE Abstract Clerk II; and

WHEREAS, the proposed contract outlines the scope of work and the responsibilities of the two parties, and provides that all costs

associated with the function will be paid for by the City of Grand Rapids. The annual cost of the contract (personnel, supplies, copies and cost allocation) is estimated at \$25,576 annually.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves the contract with the City of Grand Rapids for Reappraisal Services and adds a .5 FTE Abstract Clerk position (UAW 18) to the Bureau of Equalization to accommodate the additional workload; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board appropriates an additional \$12,788 to the 2006 budget to account for revenues and expenditures associated with the contract; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event contractual funding is discontinued or fails to fully support the position, the position will be eliminated.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Vonk, Wahlfield, Horton, Tanis, Hiddema, Boeema, Voorhees, Morren, Agee, Mast, Vander Molen, Postmus, Bulkowski, Mayhue, Vaughn, Koorndyk, Klein, Chair Morgan – 18.

Nays: 0.

**7-27-06-69 – OPTION AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS
FOR POTENTIAL PURCHASE OF PROPERTY FOR DHS
RELOCATION / DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES /
ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE**

WHEREAS, the County, the State of Michigan and the City of Grand Rapids have been working collaboratively to relocate the current Department of Human Services (DHS) offices from 415 Franklin Street to City-owned property at 121 Franklin Street and related parcels at 801 and 811 Jefferson Avenue either owned or available to the City; and

WHEREAS, the new facility will be developed on the assembled properties and would be designed, constructed, and financed by the County through the County Building Authority for approximately \$27,000,000. The State would enter into a sub-lease with the County for the DHS portions of the new facility; and

WHEREAS, the facility would house DHS operations currently located at both 415 Franklin Street and at 28th Street in Cascade. The facility will also house the Area Community Service and Training Council (ACSET), Michigan Works offices, and the Kent County Health Clinic located at the Sheldon Complex. The City will convey to the County property located at 121 Franklin Street (4.3 acres) for the appraised value of \$1,445,250 and property located at 801 Jefferson Avenue (0.3 acres) for the appraised value of \$20,450; and

WHEREAS, the City has informed the Grand Rapids Public Schools of the City's intent to exercise its right to purchase 811 Jefferson for the current appraised value of \$580,000. The City will assign this right to the County and subsequently convey the property located at 811 Jefferson (1.3 acres) to the County simultaneously with the closing on the other subject parcels for the current appraised value of \$580,000; and

WHEREAS, the County's obligation to complete the transactions contemplated by the Option Agreement is contingent upon the execution of a sub-lease agreement with the State for the new DHS facility and Board approval to finance the construction of the facility. The proposed Agreement has been reviewed and approved by Corporate Counsel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approves the Option Agreement with the City of Grand Rapids

for the purchase of City owned property located at 121 Franklin Street (Sheldon Complex) and at 801 Jefferson, and property currently owned by the Grand Rapids Public Schools located at 811 Jefferson.

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

7-27-06-70 – APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES BETWEEN KENT COUNTY AND 61ST DISTRICT COURT / INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

WHEREAS, the County maintains Information Technology services for its own internal uses and in its mission to serve the public; and

WHEREAS, the 61st District Court desires to utilize some of the Information Technology services maintained by the County for its own internal uses; and

WHEREAS, as the 61st District Court is a tenant in the County's Courthouse facility, located at 180 Ottawa Avenue NW, and there is a reasonable match between the Court's desires for services and the County's ability to provide them, the County agrees to provide some Information Technology services to the 61st District Court; and

WHEREAS, the contract will be for a term of eleven months, and the compensation payable to the County in FY 2006 consists of \$7,800 for a one-time start-up fee, \$6,694 per month for basic support services, and approximately \$7,500 per month for additional items requested by the Court on a per item basis; and

WHEREAS, projected expenses will not exceed projected revenues; and

WHEREAS, Linda Howell, Assistant Corporate Counsel, has reviewed and approved the agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby approves an agreement with the 61st District Court whereby Kent County will provide certain information technology services to the Court; and to appropriate \$61,500 to the Information Technology General Fund budget for support services to be provided under the agreement.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Vonk, Wahlfield, Horton, Tanis, Hiddema, Boelema, Voorhees, Morren, Agee, Mast, Vander Molen, Postmus, Bulkowski, Mayhue, Vaughn, Koorndyk, Klein, Chair Morgan – 18.

Nays: 0.

7-27-06-71 – LAND ACQUISITION GRANT APPLICATION – CHIEF HAZY CLOUD ADDITION / PARKS

WHEREAS, the parcel would provide 96 acres for inclusion in Chief Hazy Cloud Park and meets the 2003 Kent County Park, Recreation and Natural Areas Master Plan's priority of acquiring land adjacent to existing County park land and preserving unique property rich in natural resources in that the proposed parcel includes 1900 feet of Grand River frontage; and

WHEREAS, the estimated purchase price for purposes of the grant is \$1.5 million. The final purchase price will be determined using the DNR appraisal process required by the grant process. Grant funds may be applied to purchase 74 percent of the appraised price, resulting in a local share of \$390,000; and

WHEREAS, if the application is approved by the State, the acquisition with final price and funding proposal would still need to be brought to the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, deadline for the grant application is August 1, 2006.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves the submittal of a grant application to the DNR Trust Fund to fund the purchase of 96 acres of property for expansion of Chief Hazy Cloud Park in Ada Township.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Vonk, Wahlfield, Horton, Tanis, Boelema, Voorhees, Morren, Agee, Mast, Vander Molen, Postmus, Bulkowski, Mayhue, Vaughn, Koorndyk, Klein, Chair Morgan – 17.

Nays: Hiddema - 1.

7-27-06-72 – PARKS ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATION / PARKS

WHEREAS, in the process of reconciling the acquisition list to the financial system, it was noted that the balance available in the account according to Parks and Administrative staff differed from the balance shown on the financial reports; and

WHEREAS, Fiscal Services has traced the cause of the discrepancy back to activity in 2001, where the Board authorized the use of grant and County funds to purchase property in Caledonia Township but did not include language in the resolution specifically “appropriating” to the fund the non-County money. As a result, the fund’s overall spending authorization (expenditure budget) was never increased to accommodate the non-County dollars, and an amount equal to the non-County funds was “swept” back into the fund balance at fiscal year end; and

WHEREAS, the Uniform Budget Act requires that in order to expend the funds for Park Acquisition and Development as originally intended, they must be officially appropriated to the Parks Acquisition and Development Project within the CIP Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners appropriates \$1,772,500 to the Parks Acquisition and Development Project from the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) fund balance.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Vonk, Wahlfield, Horton, Tanis, Hiddema, Boelema, Voorhees, Morren, Agee, Mast, Vander Molen, Postmus, Bulkowski, Mayhue, Vaughn, Koorndyk, Klein, Chair Morgan – 18.

Nays: 0.

REPORTS

Sports Commission Subcommittee

Commissioner Koorndyk reported that the Sports Commission Subcommittee will hold its first meeting on August 1st and he hopes to complete their work by September 30th.

Transportation Subcommittee

Commissioner Vander Molen reported that information is being collected and the Transportation Subcommittee will meet after Labor Day.

MISCELLANEOUS**Senior Millage**

Commissioner Postmus reminded everyone that the Senior Millage proposal will be on the August 8th ballot, and asked for their support.

Senior Food Pantry

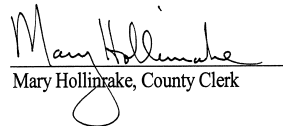
Commissioner Mayhue reported that as a result of the recent storm, the senior food pantry lost its perishable food reserve. His family has donated food items to the pantry and he challenged others to do likewise.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:18 a.m., Commissioner Klein moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, August 10, 2006, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 8:30 a.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Agee. Motion carried.



Roger C. Morgan, Chair



Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk

PROCEEDINGS

of the
Kent County Board of Commissioners
August 10, 2006 – Regular Meeting

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

Present: Commissioners Agee, Boelema, Hiddema, Horton, Klein, Koorndyk, Mast, Mayhue, Morren, Postmus, Rolls, Tanis, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Vonk, Wahlfield, Chair Morgan – 17.

Absent: Bulkowski, Voorhees – 2 (Excused).

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Scott Atchison, 2251 South Saulk Trail, Grand Rapids - Reiterated his desire for a Directions and Information Booth downtown. He believes dollars are lost daily without an information booth system.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Pandemic Influenza Update

Dr. Mark Hall, Kent County Health Department Medical Director, gave an update on Pandemic Influenza (copy of which is on file in the Office of the County Clerk). He discussed the similarities and differences between avian and pandemic influenza. Individual and community planning are essential to minimize the impact of a potential pandemic. The Health Department has prepared a community planning guide, which provides important information on pandemic influenza. This guide, along with other pandemic influenza preparedness information, can be obtained through the Health Department's web site (www.accesskent.com).

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of July 27, 2006 Meeting
- b) August 1, 2006 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes (Reports of Claims and Allowances)
- c) Resolutions:

8-10-06-73 – ADDITIONAL FUNDS – BUDGET APPROPRIATION / CIRCUIT COURT – COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

WHEREAS, the County, through the Circuit Court – Office of Community Corrections, receives funding from the Michigan Office of Community Corrections for Probation Residential Services; and

WHEREAS, the Circuit Court – Office of Community Corrections has received an additional allocation of \$36,338 from the Michigan Office of Community Corrections to fund probation residential services for PA 511 eligible offenders; and

WHEREAS, the County currently contracts with Alternative Directions to provide this service and the additional funds will be used by Alternative Directions to provide an additional 8.3 beds per day for individuals that are sentenced to residential treatment as an alternative to incarceration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners appropriates an additional \$36,338 from the Michigan Office of Community Corrections to the Circuit Court – Office of Community Corrections, and authorizes an amendment to the contract with Alternative Directions to provide additional services.

Motion by Commissioner Vonk, seconded by Commissioner Vander Molen, to approve the consent agenda items.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Klein, Koorndyk, Vaughn, Mayhue, Postmus, Vander Molen, Mast, Agee, Morren, Boelema, Hiddema, Tanis, Horton, Rolls, Wahfield, Vonk, Chair Morgan – 17.

Nays: 0.

RESOLUTIONS

8-10-06-74 – ADOPTION OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS PRIVACY POLICY / ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Social Security Privacy Act (Act 454 of 2004), the County must adopt a Social Security Number privacy policy in order to ensure the confidentiality of all Social Security numbers obtained in the ordinary course of business, prohibit unlawful disclosure of such numbers, limit access to information or documents containing social security numbers, provide for proper disposal of documents containing social security numbers, and establish penalties for violation of the privacy policy; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the requirements of the statute, confidentiality of SSN is important to Kent County and its employees; and

WHEREAS, drafting of the privacy policy was initiated by County Clerk/Register of Deeds Mary Hollinrake, whose records have historically contained social security numbers; and

WHEREAS, as required by the Act, the County must publish the privacy policy in an employee handbook, in a procedures manual or in one or more similar documents which may be available electronically; and

WHEREAS, the policy has been reviewed and approved by Corporate Counsel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the Social Security Number Privacy Policy as submitted.

Motion by Commissioner Klein, supported by Commissioner Koorndyk, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried by voice vote.

8-10-06-75 – ACCEPT A BIOMASS ENERGY GRANT AND BUDGET AMENDMENT / JOHN BALL ZOOLOGICAL GARDEN

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth has federal pass-through grant funds available; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this grant is to allow John Ball Zoological Garden (Zoo) to perform a feasibility study for use of all organic residues and wastewater to produce energy and co-products from anaerobic digestion; and

WHEREAS, the project, if approved, will receive in-kind support from Michigan State University Cooperative Extension; and

WHEREAS, the Zoo will contract with AGRISA to collect waste samples and provide chemical analysis on those samples; and

WHEREAS, the contract period is May 10, 2006, to April 9, 2007.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners authorize the Zoo to accept a Biomass Energy Grant the Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Zoo Director or his designee to sign all grant documents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby appropriates \$43,826 to the Zoo Biomass Energy Grant – Special Projects Fund.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Klein, Koorndyk, Vaughn, Mayhue, Postmus, Vander Molen, Mast, Agee, Morren, Boelema, Hiddema, Tanis, Horton, Rolls, Wahlfield, Vonk, Chair Morgan – 17.

Nays: 0.

REPORTS

Sports Commission Subcommittee

Commissioner Koorndyk reported that the Sports Commission Subcommittee held its second meeting today, with four more meetings scheduled. They should have a report to the Board on October 1st.

MISCELLANEOUS

Muscular Dystrophy

Commissioner Klein asked for support from Commissioners for the Muscular Dystrophy fundraiser next week.

Health Services

Commissioner Rolls thanked Cathy Raevsky, Administrative Health Officer, and staff for their help with several constituent requests for assistance.

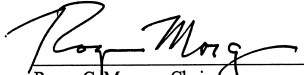
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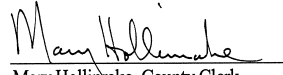
Chair Morgan introduced Steve Jazwiec, Mayor of Rockford. He also congratulated Sangeeta Ghosh, Legal Analyst, for her recent citizenship.

Chair Morgan announced that the employee picnic is this evening, 5:30 p.m., at the John Ball Zoo.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:13 a.m., Commissioner Vonk moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, August 24, 2006, 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

PROCEEDINGS

of the
Kent County Board of Commissioners
August 24, 2006 – Regular Meeting

Meeting called to order at 8:31 a.m. by Chair Roger C. Morgan.

Present: Commissioners Boelema, Bulkowski, Hiddema, Horton, Klein, Koorndyk, Mast, Mayhue, Morren, Postmus, Rolls, Tanis, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Vonk, Wahlfield, Chair Morgan – 17.

Absent: Agee, Voorhees – 2 (Excused).

Invocation: Commissioner Wahlfield introduced Commissioner Hiddema who gave the invocation.
 The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mark Trusock, 610 McKay Tower, Grand Rapids – As a judicial candidate for the newly created Circuit Court Judge position, he introduced himself as a local practicing attorney who has experience in civil, criminal and family law areas.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of August 10, 2006 Meeting
- b) August 15, 2006 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes (Reports of Claims and Allowances)
- c) Establish Public Hearing Date and Time -September 14, 2006, 7:00 p.m.
 Re: Proposed 2007 millage rates and 2007 budget
- d) Resolutions:

8-24-06-77 – HEALTHY KIDS – HEALTHY FAMILIES GRANT APPROVAL AND BUDGET APPROVAL / KENT/MSU COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

WHEREAS, the *Healthy Kids-Healthy Families* program is a family based program that addresses childhood overweight and the prevention of youth diabetes. The program will provide provision of in-home family based sessions and multi-family group education that address both the medical and psychosocial aspects of overweight children; and

WHEREAS, this program is an innovative collaboration in which MSU Extension, the MSU Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition and the MSU Department of Family and Child Ecology will partner with the clinical community in Kent County to implement a program with the goal of prevention or delay of obesity-related co-morbidities including early-onset diabetes, hypertension and cardiovascular disease in youth ages 6 through 15; and

WHEREAS, the central premise of this project is that patient and family-centered programs, based on critical input from the target community,

will produce optimal changes in health behaviors and health outcomes in at-risk populations; and

WHEREAS, MSU will be the employer of record for the positions. No County staff positions are involved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Kent County, Michigan does hereby accept funding from Spectrum Health for the Healthy Kids-Healthy Families Program and appropriates \$57,368 in grant funding to the Kent/MSU Cooperative Extension Budget (no County General Funds required).

**8-24-06-78 – ACCEPT SECONDARY ROAD PATROL GRANT
SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING AND BUDGET AMENDMENT /
SHERIFF**

WHEREAS, the County has received Secondary Road Patrol (SRP) funds for the past 27 years; and

WHEREAS, the SRP program provides supplemental funding for road patrol and accident prevention on secondary roads; and

WHEREAS, recently the State of Michigan notified the County that, due to revenues exceeding projections and a prior year carry-forward, a supplemental allocation of funds is available to local units of government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff Department has received notification that there is \$20,615 in supplemental funding available to Kent County; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff Department, if approved, is planning to use these grant funds to purchase new equipment to include radars, pursuit lights, and accident investigation equipment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves the Sheriff Department's request to accept supplemental funding for the Secondary Road Patrol and Traffic Accident Prevention Program Grant from the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners hereby appropriates \$20,615 in grant revenues to the Sheriff's Department Special Projects – Secondary Road Patrol budget, contingent upon award and execution of a contract.

**8-24-06-79 – INNOVATIONS IN GOVERNMENT AWARD / ADMINISTRATOR'S
OFFICE**

WHEREAS, the Emergency Needs Task Force (ENTF) was established in 1982 and is currently in its 25th year of operation; and

WHEREAS, this voluntary network of organizations, which includes representatives from public, private, faith-based and philanthropic organizations, has created a coordinated human service delivery system resulting in successful, coordinated multi-agency programs, braided funding, and effective new initiatives. These initiatives include, but are not limited to, the following: ACCESS food bank delivery system, utility shut-off delivery system, public/private single access medical transportation system, 10-year homelessness eradication planning, supportive housing development, and subsidized public housing coordination; and

WHEREAS, the Innovations in Government Award is sponsored by the Ash Institute at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government and is a significant force in recognizing and promoting excellence and creativity in the public sector; and

WHEREAS, the ENTF Coordinating Committee is recommending that the County apply for the Ash Institute Innovations in American Government Award to recognize its leadership in human service coordination and planning.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the submittal of an application to the Ash Institute's Innovation in American Government Award for the creation and work of the Emergency Needs Task Force.

Motion by Commissioner Wahfield, seconded by Commissioner Tanis, to approve the consent agenda items.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Boelema, Bulkowski, Hiddema, Horton, Klein, Koorndyk, Mast, Mayhue, Morren, Postmus, Rolls, Tanis, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Vonk, Wahfield, Chair Morgan – 17.

Nays: 0.

RESOLUTIONS

8-24-06-80 – APPROVAL OF AREA AGENCY ON AGING FY 07-09 MULTI-YEAR PLAN / ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan, Inc. (AAAWM) serves the nine counties (Allegan, Ionia, Kent, Lake, Mason, Mecosta, Montcalm, Newaygo, and Osceola) of Region 8; and

WHEREAS, since its inception in 1974, the agency has operated under three-year plans with annual funding and service components. Plans must be prepared according to a format prescribed by the State Commission on Aging; and

WHEREAS, the State Office of Services to the Aging requires AAAWM to request approval of the three-year plan and subsequent annual implementation plans by the Board of Commissioners of each county in its service area; and

WHEREAS, the annual budget reflects only Older Americans Act, Older Michiganian Act dollars, and local funding required to meet the minimum match funding requirement. No millage funds from Kent County (or other counties within the region) are included in the budget. Kent County annually contributes \$14,546 towards the match for operating expenses; and

WHEREAS, AAAWM estimates that 53 percent of its Older American Act and Older Michiganian Act funds are paid to Kent County service providers and their Kent County clients. Based on the 2000 census, 55 percent of the region's population aged 60 and older resides in Kent County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approve the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan's Annual Implementation Plan for Fiscal Years 2007 – 2009.

Motion by Commissioner Klein, supported by Commissioner Koorndyk, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried by voice vote.

8-24-06-81 – LAW ENFORCEMENT POSITIONS / AERONAUTICS

WHEREAS, the Department of Aeronautics and Human Resources is recommending the elimination of five Airport Law Enforcement Sergeant positions and the creation of four Airport Law Enforcement Supervisor positions and one Airport Security Coordinator (ASC); and

WHEREAS, the Supervisors, along with three-to-four Law Enforcement Officers (LEO's) will be grouped into four "squads". The

Supervisors will provide statutory supervision of the officers on a 24/7 basis. The "squad" concept is expected to improve supervision, promotes teamwork and reduces overtime; and

WHEREAS, creation of the ASC position will improve communication and coordination with the Transportation Security Administration (TSA); and

WHEREAS, the Supervisors and the ASC will report to the Chief Airport Law Enforcement Officer, alleviating him of day-to-day supervision of LEO's and security coordination demands, allowing him to focus on managing the law enforcement section more effectively; and

WHEREAS, the newly created positions will be posted internally within the Airport Law Enforcement Section. External candidates will not be sought unless there is inadequate interest from qualified internal candidates. If a current Sergeant is not interested in, or is not selected for a Supervisor position, that individual will be placed in an open Law Enforcement Officer position; and

WHEREAS, the Supervisors, along with the ASC will be provided with an orientation and varied levels of training to assist them in transitioning to their new roles.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves the elimination of five Airport Law Enforcement Sergeant positions and to create four Airport Law Enforcement Supervisor positions and one Airport Security Coordinator (ASC) position within the Department of Aeronautics.

Motion by Commissioner Vonk, supported by Commissioner Koorndyk, that the resolution be adopted.

(Commissioner Vander Molen requested a roll call vote.)

Motion by Commissioner Vonk, supported by Commissioner Postmus, to amend the resolution by adding the words *a minimum of* (paragraph 2, second line, after the word "into") as follows:

WHEREAS, the Supervisors, along with three-to-four Law Enforcement Officers (LEO's) will be grouped into **a minimum of** four "squads." The Supervisors will provide statutory supervision of the officers on a 24/7 basis. The "squad" concept is expected to improve supervision, promotes teamwork and reduces overtime; and
Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion to adopt resolution as amended carried:

Yeas: Boelema, Hiddema, Horton, Klein, Mast, Morren, Postmus, Rolls, Vander Molen, Vonk, Wahfield, Chair Morgan – 12.

Nays: Bulkowski, Koorndyk, Mayhue, Tanis, Vaughn - 5.

8-24-06-82 – LABOR AGREEMENT – KCDSA CORRECTIONS OFFICERS / HUMAN RESOURCES

WHEREAS, the County of Kent and the Kent County Deputy Sheriff's Association representing the Corrections Officers have negotiated a labor agreement; and

WHEREAS, the agreement provides for a 2.0% increase to base wages (effective January 1, 2005) and a 1.5% increase (effective July 1, 2005), a 2.75% increase in 2006, a 2.75% increase for 2007, and a 2.75% increase for 2008; and

WHEREAS, the total addition to base salary costs over the life of the contract is \$3,868,074, and the total addition to wage-based benefit costs is \$565,398; and

WHEREAS, the annual base wage with scheduled increases is approximately \$14.1 million and the total four-year increase to salary and benefit costs is \$4,358,581; and

WHEREAS, the proposed contract has been ratified by the membership; and

WHEREAS, section 2.01 (o)(3) of the Kent County Employees' Retirement Plan will be modified to incorporate language agreed upon for calculation of final average salary in the case of a member of the KCDSA accruing service while on a Worker's Compensation leave.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the four-year labor agreement for the period January 1, 2005 – December 31, 2008, between the County of Kent and the Kent County Deputy Sheriff's Association representing the Corrections Officers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves amending the Kent County Retirement Plan to accommodate the agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners appropriates \$406,865 from the unreserved, undesignated General Fund balance which sum represents that portion of the settlement applicable to calendar year 2005 employee service.

Motion by Commissioner Hiddema, supported by Commissioner Klein, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Boelema, Bulkowski, Hiddema, Horton, Klein, Koorndyk, Mast, Mayhue, Morren, Postmus, Rolls, Tanis, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Vonk, Wahlfield, Chair Morgan – 17.

Nays: 0.

8-24-06-83 - COLDWATER / THORNAPPLE RIVER PROPERTY GRANT AGREEMENT / PARKS

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2005, the Board of Commissioners approved application to the MDNR Trust Fund Program for the purchase of the Coldwater/Thornapple River Property in Caledonia Township; and

WHEREAS, the estimated purchase price for the property is \$1.3 million. The final purchase price will be determined using the DNR appraisal process required by the grant process. DNR Trust Fund grant funds may be applied to purchase 74 percent of the appraised price. Caledonia Township is contributing \$100,000 toward the purchase price of the property; and

WHEREAS, the next step in the grant process is to approve and execute the Land Acquisition Project Agreement. Consideration of a finalized purchase price of the property will come before the Finance and Physical Resources Committee and the Board of Commissioners at a respective future meeting date; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement has been reviewed and approved as to form by Corporation Counsel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Kent County, Michigan does hereby accept the terms of the Agreement as received by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners authorizes the Board Chair to sign all grant documents.

Motion by Commissioner Koorndyk, supported by Commissioner Morren, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Boelema, Bulkowski, Horton, Klein, Koorndyk, Mast, Mayhue, Morren, Postmus, Rolls, Tanis, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Vonk, Wahlfield, Chair Morgan – 16.

Nays: Hiddema - 1.

8-24-06-84 – POSITION CONVERSIONS – PUBLIC HEALTH NUTRITIONISTS / HEALTH

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Community Health conducted a management evaluation of the Health Department's Women, Infant and Children (WIC) program. An outcome of this evaluation was the recommendation to use Registered Dieticians in the program to provide services to high-risk clients with nutritional needs. To address this recommendation, the Health Department is proposing to convert two vacant full-time Public Health Nurse positions to two full-time Public Health Nutritionist positions; and

WHEREAS, approximately 6,000 of the 21,000 participants enrolled in the WIC program are at high risk; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of salary and benefits for two Public Health Nurse positions (Teamsters, Step A) is \$124,064, and the total cost of salary and benefits for two Public Health Nutritionist positions (UAW, Grade 25 – Step 1) is \$126,908.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves converting two vacant full-time Public Health Nurse positions to two full-time Public Health Nutritionist positions in the Women, Infant and Children program.

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

REPORTS

Sports Commission Subcommittee

Commissioner Koorndyk reported that the Sports Commission Subcommittee continues to hold meetings and will submit its report to the Board in early October.

Building Task Force

Commissioner Wahlfield reported that the Task Force has been working on the 63rd District Courthouse for a year and a half. They have narrowed down the architects from twelve to two. Things are moving along well and he thanked Bob Mihos and Al Jano for their hard work and time.

MISCELLANEOUS

Contract Bargaining

Commissioner Rolls stated that we need to be cognizant, when bargaining with our unions, that it is critical and imperative that we have facts and statistics for comparison.

Gun Amnesty Program

Commissioner Mayhue announced that yesterday, during a press conference, the Sheriff announced the gun amnesty buy back program for Kent County. The official kick off for buy-backs is September 7, 2006. However, the fundraising is going on now and monies can be deposited at all Fifth Third Banks.

Muscular Dystrophy

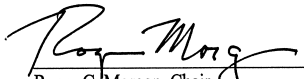
Commissioner Klein thanked Commissioners for their money pledges bailing her out of the Muscular Dystrophy lock-up fundraiser.

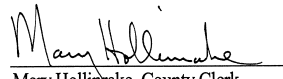
Congratulations

Chair Morgan congratulated Commissioner Mast on his re-election to the Michigan Association of Counties' board.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:16 a.m., Commissioner Wahfield moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, September 14, 2006, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 8:30 a.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Postmus. Motion carried.


Roger C. Morgan, Chair


Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk

PROCEEDINGS

of the
Kent County Board of Commissioners
September 14, 2006 – Regular Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Roger C. Morgan.

Present: Commissioners Agee, Bulkowski, Hiddema, Horton, Klein, Koorndyk, Mast, Mayhue, Morren, Postmus, Rolls, Tanis, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Vonk, Voorhees, Wahlfeld, Chair Morgan – 18.

Absent: Boelema – 1 (Excused).

Invocation: Chair Morgan introduced Reverend Brian Burn, Bostwick Lake Congregational Church, who gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gary Wade, YMCA of Greater Grand Rapids - Named a "Pioneering Healthier Community" due to its creation of a community-based action plan to combat obesity and obesity-related illnesses. The YMCA will hold a 2-mile family wellness walk on September 30, 2006, at 10 a.m. It begins and ends at the Hunting Family YMCA located at 475 Lake Michigan Drive, Grand Rapids. Following the walk, all YMCA branches will host a "Day of Play" for families during which games and activities available will stress the importance of active and healthy lifestyles.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

2007 Budget and Millage Rate Public Hearing

Motion by Commissioner Koorndyk, seconded by Commissioner Agee, to go into a public hearing on the 2007 budget and millage rate.

Motion carried by voice vote.

At 7:10 p.m., a hearing was held on the proposed 2007 budget millage.

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 Koorndyk, seconded by Commissioner Klein, to go back into general session.

Motion carried by voice vote.

Chair Morgan declared the hearing closed at 7:36 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of August 24, 2006 Meeting
- b) August 29, 2006 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes (Reports of Claims and Allowances)
- c) Resolutions:

**9-14-06-85 – BUDGET AMENDMENT – WOMEN, INFANT AND CHILDREN
(WIC) / HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the Health Department has received notice that the amount of funding per WIC participant has increased by \$6.93 for fiscal year 2006, raising the per participant amount from \$119.07 to \$126.00. This increase results in additional funding of \$132,224 for fiscal year 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Health Department also received \$6,000 from a WIC Infrastructure grant to fund equipment purchases for the WIC program; and

WHEREAS, the WIC program is a free nutrition program for pregnant and breastfeeding women and children up to age 5. WIC provides coupons for nutritious foods, education and immunizations to approximately 21,000 clients annually. Over the past several years, the Health Department has seen a significant increase in the demand for this program; and

WHEREAS, based on current caseload, the Health Department's WIC allocation will increase from \$2,361,284 to \$2,499,508; and

WHEREAS, the additional funding will be used to purchase measurement equipment that will improve clinic flow and customer service. The total cost of this equipment is \$6,464; and

WHEREAS, the remaining \$131,760 in additional funding will be used to decrease the Health Department's General Fund Appropriation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approves the appropriation of an additional \$138,224 to the 2006 Health Department budget for the Women, Infant, and Children (WIC) Programming from the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH).

**9-14-06-86 – NETWORK 180 – SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION
SERVICES / HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the Kent County Health Department has received notice from Network 180 that an additional \$90,429 in grant funds is available for substance abuse programs; and

WHEREAS, grant funds will be used to provide training for substance abuse counselors on the prevalence of methamphetamine addiction in Kent County. Grant funds will also provide funding to support an awareness campaign for the general public through the use of billboards and print advertising. The total cost of these activities is \$17,600; and

WHEREAS, funding will also be used to provide Life Skills prevention services. Life Skills is taught to economically disadvantaged elementary and middle school youth in both school and non-school settings with the purpose of preventing substance abuse to these high-risk children. The curriculum is also presented to middle school youth in non-school settings that have a history of violent and delinquent behavior; and

WHEREAS, the remaining grant funds of \$72,829 will be allocated among the Methamphetamine, Early Intervention, and Life Skills substance abuse prevention programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approves the appropriation of an additional \$90,429 to the 2006 Health Department budget for funding from Network 180 for Substance Abuse Prevention Services.

**9-14-06-87 – DOUGLAS AND MARIA DEVOS FOUNDATION LITERACY
INITIATIVE GRANT FUNDING / HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the Kent County Health Department has received notice that grant funds are available from the Douglas and Maria DeVos Foundation to fund the purchase of children's books for the Literacy Initiative in the WIC and

immunization programs; and

WHEREAS, the grant funds will be used to promote early childhood literacy by giving parents and caregivers simple and easy ways to prepare their child to be ready to read when they begin school. Books are given to parents and caregivers at the time of their appointments. Additional books are provided at follow-up WIC and Immunization appointments; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of the children's books to be purchased is \$10,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approves the appropriation of an additional \$10,000 to the 2006 Health Department budget for funding from the Douglas and Maria DeVos Foundation for the Literacy Initiative Grant.

9-14-06-88 – BUDGET AMENDMENT – FUNDING FOR PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE TEAM PROTECTION / HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Kent County Health Department has received notice that \$10,000 in grant funds are available from the Michigan Department of Community Health as part of its Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Bioterrorism cooperative agreement to fund the cost of the Health Department's public health response team; and

WHEREAS, the grant funds will be used for the purchase of antivirals, antibiotics and/or personal protection equipment as approved by the CDC, for response to Pandemic Influenza or other public health emergencies; and

WHEREAS, these funds may not be used to provide protection to other first responder groups, as Homeland Security Funds are available for that purpose; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of antivirals, antibiotics, and personal protection equipment to be purchased is \$10,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approves the appropriation of an additional \$10,000 to the 2006 Health Department budget for funding from the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) for Public Health Response Team Protection.

9-14-06-89 – DOUGLAS WALKER PARK EASEMENT / PARKS

WHEREAS, Trinity Development of Michigan, Inc., a developer, requires a sanitary sewer easement for a proposed housing development on the northwest edge of Douglas Walker Park; and

WHEREAS, the existing main sewer trunk line for this part of the County is laid through the park; and

WHEREAS, the Parks Department agrees to grant an easement to Byron Township and Gaines Charter Township that will enable them to connect the development to the main sewer lines. The easement will permit the Townships to provide necessary public services to the developer; and

WHEREAS, the easement agreement has been reviewed and approved by Corporate Counsel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the grant of an easement to Byron Township and Gaines Charter Township; and further authorizes the Chair or Vice-Chair in his absence to execute the easement agreement.

9-14-06-90 – COPPERFIELD DRAINAGE DISTRICT EASEMENT / PARKS

WHEREAS, Trinity Development of Michigan, Inc., a developer, is required to construct a detention pond with a discharge pipe; and

WHEREAS, the construction of a discharge pipe requires an easement from the County that will run through the Douglas Walker Park to Buck Creek; and

WHEREAS, storm water from the development area normally travels southeast through the park to Buck Creek, which flows through the park; and

WHEREAS, the Drain Commission has approved the construction of the detention pond and agrees that the grant of an easement is in order; and

WHEREAS, the Parks Department recommends the grant of an easement to Copperfield Drainage District; and

WHEREAS, the easement agreement has been reviewed and approved by Corporate Counsel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the grant of an easement to Copperfield Drainage District; and further authorizes the Chair or Vice-Chair in his absence to execute the easement agreement.

9-14-06-91 – KENT TRAILS EASEMENT / PARKS

WHEREAS, the Parks Department recommends relocation of a segment of Kent Trails that was originally planned for development on an easement granted by Spartan Stores. Subsequent to the grant of this easement, Spartan Stores conveyed the property to a developer, who is now constructing condominiums on that property. If the trail is developed on the easement granted by Spartan Stores, it will be too close to the condominium development; and

WHEREAS, the Parks Department has requested and Byron Township has agreed to grant an easement on its adjacent Winchester Cemetery Property to accomplish the relocation of Kent Trails. Byron Township is one of the partners to the Interlocal Agreement of July 9, 1991, that established the non-motorized Trail of Kent County; and

WHEREAS, the use of the easement will be limited solely for pedestrian, cross-country skiing, and bicycle ingress and egress as provided for in the Interlocal Agreement. The County assumes responsibility for maintenance of the easement; and

WHEREAS, the developer has agreed to bear all expenses associated with relocation of the Kent Trail segment; and

WHEREAS, the easement agreement from Byron Township is subject to County obtaining release of the original easement; and

WHEREAS, the easement agreement has been reviewed and approved by Corporate Counsel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the grant of an easement to Byron Township; and further authorizes the Chair or Vice-Chair in his absence to execute the easement agreement.

9-14-06-92 – TOWNSEND PARK EASEMENT / PARKS

WHEREAS, the Parks Department and Cannon Township have been working for several years to develop a non-motorized recreational trail system connecting Townsend Park to the township hall; and

WHEREAS, Cannon Township applied for a Department of Natural Resources (DNR) grant and was successful in receiving it. One of the stipulations of the grant is that the recipient have control of the property; and

WHEREAS, the Parks Department recommends that an easement be granted to Cannon Township for the purpose of establishing, operating, maintaining, repairing and improving a non-motorized recreational trail for public use; and

WHEREAS, the Parks Department agrees to maintain the trail and the boardwalk at Townsend Park; and

WHEREAS, the easement agreement has been reviewed and approved by Corporate Counsel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the grant of an easement to Cannon Township; and further authorizes the Chair or Vice-Chair in his absence to execute the easement agreement.

9-14-06-93 – MOTOR VEHICLE USE POLICY – COUNTY PROVIDED VEHICLES REVISION / ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners adopted in May 1993 a Motor Vehicle Use Policy – County Provided Vehicles; all policies are reviewed every two years; and

WHEREAS, in April 2006, a work team was established to review the Motor Vehicle Use Policy – County Provided Vehicles that included various representatives from County departments; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing the Motor Vehicle Use Policy – County Provided Vehicles, the work team recommends the Motor Vehicle Use Policy – County Provided Vehicles policy be revised by streamlining the 24 hour vehicle section and shift vehicle assignment section; deleting provisions regarding the use of County vehicles for out of state travel; and adding a section regarding use of County Vehicles by contracted employees; and

WHEREAS, the policy has been reviewed and approved by Corporate Counsel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the Motor Vehicle Use Policy – County Provided Vehicles policy as submitted.

9-14-06-94 – APPROVAL OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND BUDGETING CONTRACT (CPBC) FOR FY2007 / HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Health Department's Comprehensive Planning and Budgeting Contract (CPBC) is an annual agreement between the State and the County to provide certain required Public Health services including immunizations, infectious and sexually transmitted disease control, hearing and vision screening, and food protection, as well as several other state-funded programs; and

WHEREAS, funding for CPBC activities is consistent with FY2006 levels; and

WHEREAS, revenues and expenses related to the CPBC agreement were used to prepare the Health Department's 2007 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approve the Health Department's Comprehensive Planning and Budgeting Contract for FY2007.

Motion by Commissioner Koorndyk, seconded by Commissioner Postmus, to approve the consent agenda items.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Wahlfield, Voorhees, Vonk, Vaughn, Vander Molen, Tanis, Rolls, Postmus, Morren, Mayhue, Mast, Koorndyk, Klein, Horton, Hiddema, Bulkowski, Agee, Chair Morgan – 18.

Nays: 0.

RESOLUTIONS**9-14-06-95 – 2007 MILLAGE RATE / BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, the County Administrator/Controller has submitted a proposed budget for the year 2007, which outlines requirements for revenues and expenditures for operations and capital programs; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing has been held on the proposed 2007 budget following notice as required by law, including notice concerning the millage rate to be levied as required by the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act, P.A. 2 of 1978, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the proposed budget requires the levy of 2.5405 mills, including the levy of 1.4268 mills for general operating purposes, 0.7893 mills for debt service and operation of County correction and detention facilities, and 0.3244 mills for senior services on December 1, 2006 and the levy of 4.2803 mills, for general operating purposes, on July 1, 2007.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby certifies a levy of taxation of 2.5405 mills, which includes the levy of 1.4268 mills for general operating purposes for the County of Kent for 2007, 0.7893 mills for debt service and operation of the County correction and detention facilities as approved by County electors on August 7, 1990, and 0.3244 mills for senior services as approved by County electors on August 8, 2006.

Motion by Commissioner Koorndyk, supported by Commissioner Vander Molen, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Wahlfield, Voorhees, Vonk, Vaughn, Vander Molen, Tanis, Rolls, Postmus, Morren, Mayhue, Mast, Koorndyk, Klein, Horton, Hiddema, Bulkowski, Agee, Chair Morgan – 18.

Nays: 0.

9-14-06-96 – BUDGET AMENDMENT – FUNDING FOR BIOTERRORISM**PANDEMIC INFLUENZA SUPPLEMENTAL / HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the Kent County Health Department has received notice that \$119,759 in grant funds are available from the Michigan Department of Community Health as part of its Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Cooperative Agreement on Public Health Preparedness and Response for Bioterrorism Pandemic Influenza Supplemental; and

WHEREAS, the grant funds will be used to facilitate and complete activities as defined in the CDC Pandemic Influenza supplemental guidance, the Local Public Health Department Pandemic Influenza Gap Analysis, and the CDC Cooperative Agreement Guidance; and

WHEREAS, grant funds will be used to implement a marketing and awareness campaign, focusing on Pandemic Influenza for the general public. Specific marketing includes the use of billboards, television and radio spots, print advertising, and educational brochures and other print material. The total cost of these marketing activities is \$82,159; and

WHEREAS, laboratory supplies including calibration equipment, hands-free faucets, exhaust hoods, refrigerators, and incubator will be purchased to ensure that the Health Department Laboratory is ready to perform the necessary testing related to Pandemic Influenza. The total cost of this equipment is \$37,600.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approves the appropriation of an additional \$119,759 to the 2006

Health Department budget for funding from the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) for Bioterrorism Pandemic Influenza Supplemental.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Wahlfield, Voorhees, Vonk, Vaughn, Vander Molen, Tanis, Rolls, Postmus, Morren, Mayhue, Mast, Koorndyk, Klein, Horton, Hiddema, Bulkowski, Agee, Chair Morgan – 18.

Nays: 0.

9-14-06-97 – CITY OF GRANDVILLE E-911 DISPATCH / SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Kent County has adopted a Final 911 Service Plan and certain amendments thereto pursuant to the Emergency Telephone Service Enabling Act, 1986 PA 32, as amended and codified at MCL 484.1401 et. seq.; and

WHEREAS, the local primary public safety answering points (“PSAPs”) currently include the Cities of Grandville and Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grandville has entered into a contract with the City of Wyoming whereby the City of Wyoming will answer the 911 calls originating in the City of Grandville and will dispatch emergency services for the City of Grandville and the City of Grandville will pay the City of Wyoming for this dispatch service; and

WHEREAS, the Cities of Grandville and Wyoming desire that the Plan acknowledge this contractual arrangement between Grandville and Wyoming so that 911 calls currently routed into Grandville’s dispatch center may be directly routed to the City of Wyoming’s PSAP center.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to the written agreement between the Cities of Grandville and Wyoming, all 911 Emergency calls currently routed to Grandville shall be routed to the City of Wyoming pursuant to the written agreement between the Cities of Grandville and Wyoming; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all costs associated with this Resolution and its implementation is to be borne by the Cities of Grandville and Wyoming; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Chairperson, County Administrator, County Clerk and other County officials are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to effectuate the above actions, including but not limited to sending the appropriate notices and signing the appropriate documents.

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

9-14-06-98 – CITY OF WYOMING FIRE E-911 DISPATCH / SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Kent County has adopted a Final 911 Service Plan and certain amendments thereto pursuant to the Emergency Telephone Service Enabling Act, 1986 PA 32, as amended and codified at MCL 484.1401 et. seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Cities of Grand Rapids and Wyoming desire to document a change in the dispatching of fire services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Rapids has been dispatching fire services for the City of Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wyoming will begin dispatching fire services within the boundary of Wyoming starting January 1, 2007.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED all 911 calls for fire service to locations within the boundaries of the City of Wyoming are to be routed to the Wyoming PSAP; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, all costs associated with this Resolution and its implementation is to be borne by the City of Wyoming; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Chairperson, County Administrator, County Clerk and other County officials are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to effectuate the above actions, including but not limited to sending the appropriate notices and signing the appropriate documents.

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

REPORTS

Sports Commission Subcommittee

Commissioner Koorndyk reported that the Sports Commission Subcommittee continues to hold meetings and will submit its report to the Board in October.

Transportation Subcommittee

Commissioner Vander Molen reported that the Transportation Subcommittee will hold its first meeting on September 28th.

MISCELLANEOUS

Voter Registration Day Proclamation

Commissioner Vaughn read a proclamation naming Saturday, September 16, 2006, "Non-Partisan Voter Registration Day" in Kent County.

Gun Amnesty Program

Commissioner Mayhue thanked all participants of the Gun Amnesty Program. The program raised and spent \$11,500 and collected 278 guns.

Introduction

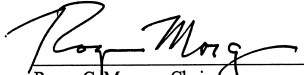
Chair Morgan introduced Sheriff Stelma's father, Harold.

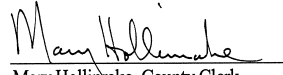
Appointment Subcommittee

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:45 p.m., Commissioner Koorndyk moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, September 28, 2006, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 8:30 a.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Hiddema. Motion carried.


Roger C. Morgan, Chair


Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk

PROCEEDINGS

of the
Kent County Board of Commissioners
September 28, 2006 – Regular Meeting

Meeting called to order at 8:31 a.m. by Chair Roger C. Morgan.

Present: Commissioners Boelega, Bulkowski, Hidaka, Horton, Klein, Koorndyk, Mast, Mayhue, Morren, Postmus, Rolls, Tanis, Vaughn, Vonk, Voorhees, Wahlfeld, Chair Morgan – 17.

Absent: Agee, Vander Molen – 2 (Excused).

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Honorable Paul Sullivan, Chief Circuit Court Judge, introduced Probate Judge David Murkowski, recently appointed to fill the unexpired term of retiring Judge Janet Haynes.

Honorable David Murkowski, Probate Court Judge, an attorney for 24 years, expressed his desire to maintain, enhance and grow the relationship between the court and the Board of Commissioners as well as serve citizens of Kent County.

Honorable Dan Zemaitis, Circuit Court Judge, announced the receipt of a Safe Place Program grant for \$350,000. The program will provide a location for supervised parenting time for those who need supervision and supervised exchanges in four categories (domestic violence, child abuse, sex abuse and stalking).

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

United Way Update

Judge Ben Logan, a volunteer for United Way, appealed to Commissioners to support United Way. The dollars raised go to help children, seniors and the disabled.

Emergency Management Update – Get Ready! Kent County

Lt. Jack Stewart and Sue Barthels reviewed Emergency Management activities for 2006. In fiscal year 2005, over \$2.3 million dollars from Homeland Security purchased equipment and provided for training needs addressing areas identified by local planning teams. Prior to 2006, the money came directly to the county. Now the money goes to the region. Kent County is in Region 6, with 12 other counties. This year's grant is \$3.5 million dollars. A local planning team decides the needs and projects and comprises representatives from 12 response disciplines for a cross section of responders in our county. They meet monthly to discuss projects and expenditures.

They continue to improve interoperable communications. They hired a consultant to formulate catastrophic incident plans, including a resource management plan, volunteer management and donations management. The plan will encompass all municipalities in the county.

Exercises held during the year included a terrorist exercise in East Grand Rapids. A Food Protection Conference will be held on November 2, 2006. Over 2,000 people have completed First Responder training.

Melissa Ponstein reviewed the new *Get Ready! Kent County* program (copy on file in the Office of the County Clerk). The 12-month citizen preparedness program focuses on different areas of emergency preparedness each month. Fact sheets will be available at www.accessKent.com/getready, the Kent County Sheriff's Department, and the American Red Cross of Greater Grand Rapids. Additionally, arrangements have been made with the KISD to provide program material for all public, private and parochial students at elementary schools.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of September 14, 2006 Meeting
- b) September 19, 2006 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
(Reports of Claims and Allowances)
- c) Resolutions:

9-28-06-99 – APPROVAL OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL / DRAIN COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Inland Lake Level Act of 1961 mandates that all dams and outlet structures within the County's jurisdiction be regularly inspected and maintained. In case of Lincoln Lake, this included surveying a bench mark for the lake level and repairing and actuating the gates in the dam; and

WHEREAS, the Drain Commissioner has incurred a cost of \$3,300 for this activity; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Inland Lake Level Act of 1961, the cost should be levied against the properties in the established special assessment district; and

WHEREAS, the Drain Commissioner has held a public hearing on the assessment roll on September 5, 2006. Hearing no objections that would require changes to the roll, the Drain Commissioner has approved and confirmed the roll.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with MCL §324.20714(3) the County Board of Commissioners approves the cost of the project and the special assessment roll, and authorizes the Drain Commissioner to levy the cost to the properties in the established special assessment district.

9-28-06-100 – BUDGET AMENDMENT – VACCINES FOR CHILDREN FUNDING / HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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

WHEREAS, the number of 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 Health Department estimates it will receive \$2,900,000 in federally funded vaccines for FY 2006, and is requesting an additional \$2,900,000 budget appropriation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approves the appropriation of \$2,900,000 to the FY 2006 Health Fund budget.

9-28-06-101 – ACCEPT A SECONDARY ROAD PATROL GRANT AND BUDGET AMENDMENT / SHERIFF

WHEREAS, the County has received Secondary Road Patrol (SRP) funds for the past 28 years; and

WHEREAS, the SRP program provides supplemental funding for road patrol and accident prevention on secondary roads; and

WHEREAS, the grant funds, if approved, will continue to pay for six sworn officers including benefits as well as the equipment and operating costs necessary for the officers to perform their duties; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated date of the grant award is October 1, 2006.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves the Sheriff's request to accept a Secondary Road Patrol and Traffic Accident Prevention Program Grant from the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the event grant funding is eliminated or decreased, the position(s) will be eliminated unless continuation funding is approved pursuant to the Fiscal Policy on Grants; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners hereby appropriates \$25,543 in grant revenues to the Sheriff's Department Special Projects – Secondary Road Patrol budget, contingent upon award and execution of a contract; and

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

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Vonk, Wahlfield, Rolls, Horton, Tanis, Hiddema, Boelema, Voorhees, Morren, Mast, Postmus, Bulkowski, Mayhue, Vaughn, Koorndyk, Klein, Chair Morgan – 17.

Nays: 0.

RESOLUTIONS

9-28-06-102 – 2007 GENERAL APPROPRIATION ACT / ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, this resolution shall be known as the FY 2007 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 August 28, 2006, and a public hearing on the proposed budget was held on September 14, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Kent County Board authorized, by resolution no. 9-14-06-95, a general property tax levy on all real and personal property within the County upon the current tax roll of 1.4268 mills for County general operations; and voter 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 Finance and Physical Resources Committee has reviewed the Recommended 2007 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>
<u>General Fund</u>	<u>\$165,461,483</u>	<u>\$171,832,995</u>
<u>Special Revenue Funds</u>	<u>107,489,997</u>	<u>118,108,615</u>
<u>Capital Project Funds</u>	<u>25,365,069</u>	<u>27,669,929</u>
<u>Internal Service Fund</u>	<u>22,413,033</u>	<u>22,418,503</u>
<u>Debt Service Funds</u>	<u>7,317,691</u>	<u>7,307,191</u>
<u>Component Unit Funds</u>	<u>63,825,128</u>	<u>63,755,129</u>
<u>Proprietary Funds</u>	<u>41,112,504</u>	<u>41,856,004</u>

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the FY 2007 Appropriation Act as the official budget for FY 2007; 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 2007 budgets for the various governmental funds by department or activity as follows:

**2007 General Appropriations Act
County of Kent, Michigan**

GENERAL FUND	2007
Estimated Revenues	
Taxes	\$87,425,000
Licenses & Permits	80,350
Intergovernmental	12,868,290
Charges for Services	20,545,745
Fines & Forfeitures	279,600
Investment Earnings	3,790,000
Reimbursements	8,794,225
Other	2,979,900
Transfers In	28,698,373
Total Estimated Revenues	165,461,483
Fund Balance Usage (Deposit)	71,512
Total Estimated Revenues & Other Sources	\$165,532,995
Appropriations	
Circuit Court	\$17,767,482
Clerk's Office	2,003,486
District Court	2,860,087
Drain Commission	631,870
Facilities Management	8,640,378
Fiscal Services	3,656,403
Information Technology	6,271,087
Policy/Administration	5,163,085
Sheriff's Department	58,095,787
Treasurer's Office	1,310,220
Parks Department	4,981,449
Probate Court – Mental & Estate Division	1,199,495
Intergovernmental	3,767,413
Bureau of Equalization	1,876,863
Human Resources	2,177,409
Prosecutor's – Criminal/Juvenile	6,040,271
Cooperative Extension Service	657,696
Medical Examiner	1,286,120
Soldiers & Sailors Relief	197,585
John Ball Zoological Gardens	3,973,510
Transfers Out	39,275,299
Total Appropriations	171,832,995
Estimated Appropriation Lapse	(6,300,000)
Estimated Expenditures	\$165,532,995

**2007 General Appropriations Act
County of Kent, Michigan**

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2007
Estimated Revenues	
Taxes	\$27,110,482
Licenses & Permits	1,276,543
Intergovernmental	39,062,214
Charges for Services	2,886,812
Fines & Forfeitures	372,637
Investment Earnings	1,803,700
Reimbursements	4,334,187
Other	476,498
Transfers In	30,166,924
Total Estimated Revenues	107,489,997
Fund Balance Usage (Deposit)	10,618,618
Total Estimated Revenues & Other Sources	\$118,108,615
Appropriations	
Fire Commission	\$372,000
Friend of the Court	8,920,627
Health Department	27,277,835
Lodging Excise Tax	6,552,734
Correction & Detention Millage	15,319,340
Senior Millage	6,430,079
Register of Deeds-Automation Fund	698,274
Community Development	3,118,443
Drug Law Enforcement Fund	148,554
Child Care	22,573,588
DHS Child Care	9,890,832
Revenue Sharing Reserve Fund	11,198,373
Veteran's Trust	66,264
Special Project – Circuit Court-Com Corrections Admin	2,308,394
Special Project – Circuit Court-Com Corrections Grant	229,900
Special Project – Circuit Court-Family Counseling	73,000
Special Project – Circuit Court-JAIBG	60,111
Special Project – Drain Commission-Special Assessment	70,241
Special Project – Prosecutor's-Cooperative Reimbursement	1,660,943
Special Project – Remonumentation Program	170,000
Special Project – Sheriff-Drug Enforcement	93,556
Special Project – Sheriff-Gifts – DARE	200
Special Project – Sheriff-Gifts – Honor Camp	6,000
Special Project – Sheriff-Gifts – Jail	90,000
Special Project – Sheriff-Local Correction Officers Training	146,000
Special Project – Sheriff-Michigan Dispatch Training	9,000
Special Project – Sheriff-Michigan Justice Training	45,000
Special Project – Sheriff-Secondary Road Patrol	579,327
Total Appropriations	\$118,108,615

**2007 General Appropriations Act
County of Kent, Michigan**

CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS	2007
Estimated Revenues	
Taxes	\$4,033,161
Investment Earnings	800,000
Other	12,000,000
Transfers In	8,531,908
Total Estimated Revenues	25,365,069
Fund Balance Usage (Deposit)	2,304,860
Total Estimated Revenues & Other Sources	\$27,669,929
Appropriations	
Capital Improvement Program	\$27,669,929
Total Appropriations	\$27,669,929
INTERNAL SERVICE FUND	2007
Estimated Revenues	
Charges for Services	\$1,905,000
Investment Earnings	130,530
Reimbursements	20,352,503
Other	25,000
Total Estimated Revenues	22,413,033
Fund Balance Usage (Deposit)	5,470
Total Estimated Revenues & Other Sources	\$22,418,503
Appropriations	
Risk Management	\$22,418,503
Total Appropriations	\$22,418,503
DEBT SERVICE FUNDS	2007
Estimated Revenues	
Investment Earnings	\$10,500
Other	109,250
Transfers In	7,197,941
Total Estimated Revenues	7,317,691
Fund Balance Usage (Deposit)	(10,500)
Total Estimated Revenues & Other Sources	\$7,307,191
Appropriations	
Series A & B	\$961,776
Courthouse	4,448,814
Fuller Complex Improvements	650,000
Sheriff's Administration Building	792,803
Correction and Detention Facilities	319,340
Area Agency on Aging	134,458
Total Appropriations	\$7,307,191

**2007 General Appropriations Act
County of Kent, Michigan**

COMPONENT UNIT FUNDS	2007
Estimated Revenues	
Intergovernmental	\$8,019,772
Charges for Services	52,121,414
Investment Earnings	1,270,000
Reimbursements	480,570
Other	1,203,598
Transfers In	729,774
Total Estimated Revenues	63,825,128
Fund Balance Usage (Deposit)	(70,000)
Total Estimated Revenues & Other Sources	\$63,755,128
Appropriations	
Housing Commission	\$3,512,098
Social Welfare	4,125,344
DPW Act 185 Bond Fund	1,523,174
DPW Administration & Finance	779,000
DPW Water & Sewer Division	4,330,200
DPW Solid Waste/Landfill Operations	8,365,399
DPW Waste-to-Energy Operations	41,119,914
Total Appropriations	\$63,755,129
PROPRIETARY FUNDS	2007
Estimated Revenues	
Taxes	\$1,870,000
Intergovernmental	4,200,000
Charges for Services	19,308,587
Fines & Forfeitures	8,000
Investment Earnings	2,611,500
Reimbursements	190,000
Other	12,924,417
Total Estimated Revenues	41,112,504
Fund Balance Usage (Deposit)	743,500
Total Estimated Revenues & Other Sources	\$41,856,004
Appropriations	
Aeronautics	\$37,269,004
Delinquent Tax Fund	4,587,000
Total Appropriations	\$41,856,004

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

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 Koorndyk, supported by Commissioner Klein, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Vonk, Wahlfield, Rolls, Tanis, Hiddema, Boelema, Voorhees, Morren, Mast, Postmus, Vaughn, Koorndyk, Klein, Chair Morgan – 14.
Nays: Horton, Bulkowski, Mayhue - 3.

9-28-06-103 – AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF KENT HOSPITAL FINANCE AUTHORITY REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2006 – PINE REST CHRISTIAN MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES / FISCAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Kent Hospital Finance Authority (the "Authority") proposes to issue bonds (the "Bonds") for the benefit of Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services (the "Borrower"). The proceeds of the Bonds will be loaned to the Borrower and used by the Borrower, together with other available funds, for any one or more of the following purposes: (i) to construct, renovate and equip, in the approximate amount of \$8,810,000, additional mental health care facilities located at 300 68th Street, SE, Gaines Township, Kent County, Michigan, generally consisting of the renovation and equipping of the approximately 5,380 square foot The Homestead office facility and heritage center, the construction and equipping of a new approximately 26,500 square foot 40-bed locked adolescent residential treatment facility, the renovation and equipping of the approximately 26,821 square foot Van Andel Center adult inpatient hospital facility, the renovation and equipping of the approximately 11,284 square foot Campus Center locked long-term adult residential treatment facility, and site improvements, consisting of the demolition of the Stuart Center and the VanNoord Center and the construction of water and sewer improvements, (ii) to refund approximately \$1,000,000 of taxable indebtedness incurred by the Borrower in connection with its acquisition of its approximately 12,912 square foot outpatient ambulatory mental health clinic located at 1050 Silver Drive, Traverse City, Michigan and (iii) to pay a portion of the costs of issuing the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Authority intends to issue Kent Hospital Finance Authority revenue bonds (the "Bonds") in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$12,000,000 to provide funds with which to make the loans to the Borrower; and

WHEREAS, the bonds will be limited obligations of the Authority and will not constitute general obligations or debt of the Authority, the City of Grand Rapids, the County of Kent, the City of Traverse City, the County of Grand Traverse, the State of Michigan or any political subdivision thereof within the meaning of any constitutional, charter or statutory provisions or limitations; and

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2006, the Authority held a public hearing after notice, a written record of which has been filed with this Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has requested that this Board of Commissioners approve the issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds by the Authority as described above; and

WHEREAS, this Board of Commissioners desires to express its approval of the issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds by the Authority as described above.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Kent as follows:

1. Solely for the purpose of fulfilling the public approval requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Kent, Michigan, hereby approves the issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds by the Authority.

2. The County Clerk is hereby directed to provide three (3) certified copies of this resolution to the Secretary of the Authority.

Motion by Commissioner Voorhees, supported by Commissioner Koorndyk, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Vonk, Wahlfield, Rolls, Horton, Tanis, Hiddema, Boelema, Voorhees, Morren, Mast, Postmus, Bulkowski, Mayhue, Vaughn, Koorndyk, Klein, Chair Morgan – 17.

Nays: 0.

9-28-06-104 – REVISIONS TO THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT FEE SCHEDULE
/ HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Public Act 368 of 1978 (the Public Health Code), as amended, allows a local government to "...fix and require the payment of fees for services authorized or required to be performed by the local health department." Said fees should not be more than the reasonable cost of providing the service; and

WHEREAS, as required by County Fiscal Policy – Fees and Charges, departments are required to review their fees and charges annually and to forward recommended changes to the Board of Commissioners as part of the budget process; and

WHEREAS, the Health Department is recommending changes to 29 existing fees and the establishment of 4 new fees. The recommendations are detailed in the attached schedule; and

WHEREAS, a public notice was placed in the Grand Rapids Press and sent to the County Clerk's Office to announce the new fees and the Public Hearing date. The Public Hearing was held on August 22, 2006, to educate the public concerning the new fees. No individuals from the public attended the meeting; and

WHEREAS, the fee changes proposed for the Health Department would generate an additional \$583,097 of revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approves the amendments to the Health Department's fee schedule effective November 1, 2006.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Vonk, Wahlfield, Rolls, Horton, Tanis, Hiddema, Boelema, Voorhees, Morren, Mast, Postmus, Bulkowski, Mayhue, Vaughn, Koorndyk, Klein, Chair Morgan – 17.

Nays: 0.

9-28-06-105 – POSITION / CLASSIFICATION ADDITIONS / PARKS

WHEREAS, following the transition of the Parks Department from the Kent County Road Commission to the County of Kent and the addition of Millennium Park to the Parks System, it was anticipated that changes may need to be made to the parks staffing structure; and

WHEREAS, a study was undertaken in late 2004 to review the staffing and recommend revisions to the structure to provide optimum effectiveness without significant allocation of new resources; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the study, a new organizational structure was developed with the goal to 1) reduce the overly-broad span of control of parks operations to improve parks managers' administrative direction; and 2) reduce many of the routine program and business-related responsibilities of the Parks Director and create a leadership team to increase the administrative resources available within the department. Implementation of the plan was delayed due to budget constraints; and

WHEREAS, funding for the positions is available due to the elimination of the Parks Development Manager and the Golf Course Manager because of shifting needs of the department; and

WHEREAS, in order to achieve the goals, it is recommended that a Parks Operation Supervisor (MPP 24) be added allowing a division of parks between the two supervisors, increasing accessibility of parks managers to the operations supervisors, and allowing for a greater range of focus required by a system which contains both passive natural areas and highly developed and active parks; and

WHEREAS, it is also recommended that the position of Parks Business Manager (MPP 26) be added with the position assuming responsibility for basic financial and human resources management and marketing activities, freeing the Parks Director to focus on more strategic and policy-making responsibilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the creation of the job classification "Parks Business Manager" (MPP 26) and approves the addition of one Parks Business Manager and one Parks Operations Supervisor (MPP 24) to the Parks Department.

Motion by Commissioner Morren, supported by Commissioner Klein, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Vonk, Wahlfield, Rolls, Horton, Tanis, Hiddema, Boelema, Voorhees, Morren, Mast, Postmus, Bulkowski, Mayhue, Vaughn, Koorndyk, Klein, Chair Morgan – 17.

Nays: 0.

Conflict of Interest Statement

Commissioner Mast read the following disclosure:

I, Harold J. Mast, Kent County Commissioner, make the following disclosure pursuant to MCLA 46.30 and 24 CFR 92.356(d):

I am employed by Genesis Non-Profit Housing Corporation ("Genesis") as its Executive Director. Genesis may, from time to time, contract with or receive funds from Kent County related agencies or its Boards. I hereby declare that any vote by me as a County Commissioner to approve contracts or expenditures shall not be construed to include my vote on contracts with Genesis, but as an abstention on any such vote.

I hereby disclose that Genesis is seeking to be certified as a Kent County Community Housing Development Organization ("CDHO"). If certified as a CDHO, Genesis will join other certified entities in a preferred funding position in the allocation of US Department of Housing and Urban Development HOME Investment Partnership Act funds. Kent County receives funding through the HOME program for the support and retention of affordable housing in Kent County. If any HOME funds are awarded to Genesis, I will not personally benefit from such award.

I request that this disclosure be accepted by the Board of Commissioners and that it be reflected in the Board's official minutes. I have provided a signed copy of this disclosure to the Kent County Clerk to be placed in her records.

REPORTS**Sports Commission Subcommittee**

Commissioner Koorndyk reported that the Sports Commission Subcommittee met with St. Louis Sports Commission and plans to meet with people in Indianapolis. They have talked to local athletes, high school and college athletic directors, professional and amateur sport reps, and the business community.

Health Care Benefits Subcommittee

Commissioner Klein said that the Health Care Benefits Subcommittee meets on Thursday, October 5th, at 10:00 a.m.

Public Works Board

Commissioner Postmus reported that he, along with Commissioners Tanis and Vonk, attended a conference on single stream recycling for the County. This effort would be cost effective for the County.

Transportation Subcommittee

Commissioner Koorndyk announced that the Transportation Subcommittee will meet immediately following this meeting.

County Dispatch Authority

Commissioner Tanis reported that the City of Grand Rapids will join our 911 authority that puts all the units on board.

MISCELLANEOUS**Safe Place Grant**

Commissioner Klein said that the Safe Place Grant is a great program and as an attorney who does domestic relation law, it will be very helpful to parents, spouses and children.

Political Endorsement

Commissioner Klein stated for the record that she is appalled by the official actions of the Grand Rapids City Commission in endorsing a specific candidate for county commission. As a resident of the City of Grand Rapids, she feels that the Commission has absolutely no business making endorsements on any individual political race that has nothing to do with city business.

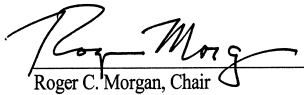
Commissioner Mayhue said that he was glad Commissioner Klein made the statement because this particular endorsement proves to him that the City Commission is partisan and so should officially become so.

Kent School Services Network

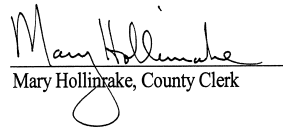
Commissioner Koorndyk congratulated Management Analyst Matthew VanZetten and Assistant Administrator Wayman Britt for putting together the Kent School Services Network. The money raised from the different entities involved is \$1.9 million. This will have a huge impact on the citizens of Grand Rapids, GRPS students, and students in Wyoming and Comstock Park.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:45 a.m., Commissioner Rolls moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, October 12, 2006, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 8:30 a.m., for an Official/Annual Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Vaughn. Motion carried.



Roger C. Morgan, Chair



Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk

PROCEEDINGS

of the
Kent County Board of Commissioners
October 12, 2006 – Regular Meeting

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

Present: Commissioners Agee, Boelema, Bulkowski, Hiddema, Horton, Klein, Koorndyk, Mast, Mayhue, Morren, Postmus, Tanis, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Vonk, Voorhees, Wahlfield, Chair Morgan – 18.

Absent: Rolls – 1 (Excused).

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of September 28, 2006 Meeting
- b) October 3, 2006 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
(Reports of Claims and Allowances)
- c) Resolutions:

10-12-06-106 – ADD PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM SUPERVISOR POSITION – BUDGET AMENDMENT – FUNDING FOR PANDEMIC INFLUENZA PLANNING / HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Health Department has received notice that \$187,320 in grant funds is available from the Michigan Department of Community Health as part of its Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Cooperative Agreement on Public Health Preparedness and Response for Bioterrorism Pandemic Influenza Supplemental; and

WHEREAS, the grant funds will be used to facilitate collaborative planning and partnerships between public health officials, law enforcement officials, hospital administrators, and community leaders. This collaboration is critical to provide for an effective pandemic influenza response; and

WHEREAS, the grant will fund one full-time Public Health Program Supervisor position (UAW 26). This position will coordinate pandemic influenza planning in conjunction with the State, regional and local partners. The total cost of salary and benefits for this position is \$65,838; and

WHEREAS, the remaining \$121,482 of grant funds will be used for supplies, equipment, travel, and Public Health marketing costs to continue and expand upon the work that was completed during FY 2006 using pandemic influenza funding from the Michigan Department of Community Health; and

WHEREAS, in the event grant funding is eliminated, the position will be eliminated unless continuation funding is approved pursuant to the Fiscal Policy on Grants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners add a full-time Public Health Program Supervisor position and appropriates an additional \$187,320 to the 2007 Health Department budget for funding received from the Michigan Department of Community Health for pandemic influenza planning.

**10-12-06-107 – HEARING AND VISION TECHNICIAN POSITION
CONVERSION / HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Community Health has restored full funding for the Hearing and Vision program for FY 2007. In FY 2006, the funding for the Hearing and Vision program was cut in half by the Michigan Department of Community Health, resulting in the layoff of three full-time Hearing and Vision Technicians and the reduction of one full-time Hearing & Vision Technician to part-time; and

WHEREAS, due to the restoration of funding for FY 2007, three full-time technicians have been recalled from layoff, and the Health Department requests that the part-time Technician position be restored to a full-time position; and

WHEREAS, during FY 2006, approximately 17,000 Hearing screenings and 19,000 Vision screenings were performed for school children in preschool and early elementary grades. With full funding restored in FY 2007, the Health Department is expected to screen approximately 35,000 children for Hearing through the fourth grade, and 45,000 children for Vision through the ninth grade; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of salary and benefits for converting one part-time Hearing and Vision Technician to full-time is \$15,449. This additional cost of \$15,449 is available in the 2007 Health Department budget; and

WHEREAS, in the event grant funding is eliminated, the position will be eliminated unless continuation funding is approved pursuant to the Fiscal Policy on Grants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners convert an existing part-time Hearing and Vision Technician position to full-time in the Health Department's Hearing and Vision Program.

**10-12-06-108 – PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE POSITION CONVERSION
/ HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Community Health has increased the funding in the Children's Special Healthcare Services program to allow for reimbursement of case management activities and the development of a plan of care for participants in the program. The estimated increase in revenue based on a per unit reimbursement is \$45,000; and

WHEREAS, the Children's Special Healthcare Services program strives to enable individuals with special health needs to have improved health outcomes and an enhanced quality of life through the appropriate use of the Children's Special Healthcare Services system of care; and

WHEREAS, the Children's Special Healthcare Services program assists approximately 2,200 individuals with special health needs in accessing the broadest range of appropriate medical care, health education and support. An additional service available through the program is the development of an individualized plan of care by a public health nurse that assists the individuals in accessing all of the available services in a coordinated manner; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of salary and benefits for converting one part-time Public Health Nurse position to full-time is \$43,979. This additional cost of \$43,979 is available in the 2007 Health Department budget; and

WHEREAS, in the event grant funding is eliminated, the position will be eliminated unless continuation funding is approved pursuant to the Fiscal Policy on Grants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners convert an existing part-time Public Health Nurse position to full-time in the Health Department's Children's Special Healthcare Services Program.

**10-12-06-109 – COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADMINISTRATION
GRANT / COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

WHEREAS, the Office of Community Corrections works to decrease prison admissions for Kent County offenders and prevent overcrowding at the Kent County Correctional Facility through increased utilization of community-based sanctions and services for felony non-violent offenders; and

WHEREAS, the office is a grant agency funded by the Michigan Department of Corrections; the 2007 budget adopted by the Board of Commissioners during the County's formal budget process was based on an estimate; and

WHEREAS, the total grant amount is \$2,236,595 of which \$2,184,583 is included in the FY2007 budget; the additional \$52,012 was not known at budget submission time; and

WHEREAS, the General Fund will contribute \$110,462 to cover administrative costs; \$123,811 is included in the FY2007 budget; this represents a \$13,349 reduction in the General Fund support included the 2007 adopted budget; and

WHEREAS, the net budget increase requires an additional \$38,663 budget appropriation as part of this action request; and

WHEREAS, the date of the grant award is October 1, 2006.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approve the appropriation of \$38,663 to the Community Corrections Administration Grant in the Special Projects Fund.

**10-12-06-110 – 2006 APPORTIONMENT REPORT / BUREAU OF
EQUALIZATION**

WHEREAS, the Finance and Physical Resources Committee has reviewed the supporting documents setting forth the necessary millage required by the several taxing jurisdictions in the County of Kent, townships, local school districts, intermediate school districts and community colleges; and

WHEREAS, the Committee has further examined the dollar requirements necessary to fund the assessments for drains and rejected taxes and finds them in proper order.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners does hereby certify the millage rates of these governmental jurisdictions and directs that the millage rates of the County of Kent, townships, local school districts, intermediate school districts and community colleges, and the dollar amounts for the drains and rejected taxes be spread on the respective township and city rolls; 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.

**10-12-06-111 – ACCEPT AN FY 2007 ACCESS AND VISITATION GRANT
AND BUDGET AMENDMENT / FRIEND OF THE COURT**

WHEREAS, the Michigan State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) provides funding to counties to facilitate parental access and visitation including but not limited to improving relationships between children and noncustodial parents; and

WHEREAS, the FOC will contract with other agencies to provide these services; and

WHEREAS, the FOC will contract with Journies, LLC to supervise the non-domestic violence cases where the parties cannot afford the services but the court feels there is a need for supervision and the YWCA to assess safety, help develop safety plans and assist in the psychological preparation of the child for parenting time to occur; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated grant period is October 1, 2006, to September 30, 2007.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approve the Friend of the Court's request to accept an Access and Visitation Grant from the Michigan State Court Administrative Office; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby appropriate \$13,500 to a Friend of the Court – Special Projects budget; and

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

Motion by Commissioner Horton, seconded by Commissioner Klein, to approve the consent agenda items.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Klein, Koorndyk, Vaughn, Mayhue, Bulkowski, Postmus, Vander Molen, Mast, Agee, Morren, Voorhees, Boelema, Hiddema, Tanis, Horton, Wahfield, Vonk, Chair Morgan – 18.

Nays: 0.

RESOLUTIONS

**10-12-06-112 – PREVENTION INITIATIVE – PERSPECTIVE 21! EARLY
IMPACT CONTRACT / ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE**

WHEREAS, on October 24, 2002, the Board created the Prevention Programming and Evaluation Fund to be used to implement the County's Prevention Initiative. The funding plan for the Initiative includes \$430,000 per year for early intervention services for children at risk of child abuse or neglect; and

WHEREAS, the KCFCCC reviewed a proposal submitted by DHS (previously FIA) for Perspective 21! Early Impact in 2003 and made a recommendation for specific funding allocations for a three year period. P21! Early Impact is a priority service that provides early intervention for families with reported, but not substantiated, abuse or neglect to improve family functioning and keep children safe in their homes; and

WHEREAS, the intent of the funding Perspective 21! Early Impact is to 1) ensure an effective level of service and evaluate its long-term impact, and 2) provide additional support services which will increase the success of the program and reduce the financial burden on service providers, and

WHEREAS, the original contract with DHS expired on December 31, 2005, and was extended for one year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approves awarding a three year contract to the Department of Human Services (DHS) as recommended by the Kent County Family and Children's Coordinating Council (KCFCCC); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funds for 2007 are available in the 2007 Budget.

Motion by Commissioner Vander Molen, supported by Commissioner Koorndyk, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Klein, Koorndyk, Vaughn, Mayhue, Bulkowski, Postmus, Vander Molen, Mast, Agee, Morren, Voorhees, Boelema, Hiddema, Tanis, Horton, Wahlfield, Vonk, Chair Morgan – 18.

Nays: 0.

10-12-06-113 – PREVENTION INITIATIVE – PRIMARY PREVENTION FAMILY SUPPORT CONTRACT / ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, on October 24, 2002, the Board created the Prevention Programming and Evaluation Fund to be used to implement the County's Prevention Initiative. The funding plan for the Initiative includes \$800,000 per year for primary prevention and family support services; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, proposals for primary prevention family support service expansion were received from two organizations. The Kent County Family and Children's Coordinating Council (KCFCCC) was asked to review the proposals and to make recommendations for specific funding allocations. In reviewing the proposals, the Council noted that Healthy Start provides a more comprehensive array of services, which more closely match the requirements of the Prevention Initiative, whereas Bright Beginnings had more of a school-readiness focus. The Council found that both services were important components of a continuum of services, and complemented one another; and

WHEREAS, the Council recommended that the Board of Commissioners award the full amount of Kent County Prevention Initiative funds allocated for primary prevention family support services (\$800,000) to the Child and Family Resource Council (CFRC) for the Healthy Start program with the provision that CFRC be required to enter into negotiations with the goal of subcontracting with Kent ISD to link Healthy Start with Bright Beginnings. This occurred and Bright Beginnings received 25% of the appropriation (\$200,000); and

WHEREAS, the original contract with CFRC expired on December 31, 2005, and was extended for one year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approves awarding a three year contract to the Child and Family Resource Council (CFRC) as recommended by the Kent County Family and Children's Coordinating Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funds are available in 2007 Budget.

Motion by Commissioner VanderMolen, supported by Commissioner Koorndyk, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Klein, Koorndyk, Vaughn, Mayhue, Bulkowski, Postmus, Vander Molen, Mast, Agee, Morren, Voorhees, Boelema, Hiddema, Tanis, Horton, Wahlfield, Vonk, Chair Morgan – 18.

Nays: 0.

**10-12-06-114 – PREVENTION INITIATIVE – SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICE
EXPANSION / ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE**

WHEREAS, on October 24, 2002, the Board created the Prevention Programming and Evaluation Fund to be used to implement the County's Prevention Initiative. The funding plan for the Initiative includes \$450,000 per year to expand substance abuse services for families; and

WHEREAS, the Prevention Subcommittee report identified substance abuse as a contributing factor to other problems, such as child abuse and neglect or truancy. The report noted that substance abuse is a cyclical problem, affecting generation after generation. Network180 was asked to develop a proposal to expand substance abuse services, focusing on "breaking the cycle" of substance abuse within the family structure; and

WHEREAS, per its proposal, network180 uses Prevention Initiative funding to provide comprehensive family-focused substance abuse services, including assessments, treatment, family therapy, case management, and follow-up in which the mother has been identified as the primary substance user. The funded service delivery method differs from the traditional method in that 1) the proposed services will treat the entire family as the client, and both the assessment and treatment plan will incorporate services for the substance abuse client, individual family members, and the family as a whole, and 2) a single caseworker will serve as the primary contact for the family from assessment through treatment, and through re-assessment and treatment in case of relapse; and

WHEREAS, the original contract with network180 expires on December 31, 2006.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approves awarding a three year contract to network180 (Community Mental Health and Substance Abuse Network) to expand substance abuse services for families, as recommended by the Kent County Family and Children's Coordinating Council (KCFCCC); and

BE FURTHER RESOLVED that funds are available in the 2007 Budget.

Motion by Commissioner Tanis, supported by Commissioner Koorndyk, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Klein, Koorndyk, Vaughn, Mayhue, Bulkowski, Postmus, Vander Molen, Mast, Agee, Morren, Voorhees, Boelema, Hiddema, Tanis, Horton, Wahlfeld, Vonk, Chair Morgan – 18.

Nays: 0.

REPORTS

Sports Commission Subcommittee

Commissioner Koorndyk reported that the Sports Commission Subcommittee met with the Indianapolis & St. Louis Sports Commissions to see how they work and will report to the Board soon.

Transportation Subcommittee

Commissioner Vander Molen announced that the Transportation Subcommittee will meet on October 26th.

Fire Commission

Commissioner Tanis reported that the Fire Commission will meet Thursday, October 19th, at the Algoma Township Fire Station, where they will be showing off Algoma's new first front line pumper and the Kent County foam trailer.

Health Care Benefits Subcommittee

Commissioner Klein said that the Health Care Benefits Subcommittee will meet on Tuesday, October 24th, after the Legislative Committee meeting.

Appointment Subcommittee

Chair Morgan announced that the Appointment Subcommittee will meet today following this meeting.

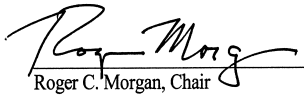
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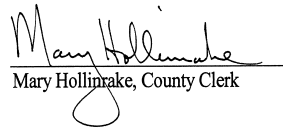
Kroc Community Center

Commissioner Koorndyk invited Commissioners to attend The Salvation Army's press conference today at 10:30 a.m., announcing the approval of an application to construct the Kroc Community Center at 2500 Division Avenue, Grand Rapids. The center will serve the community, especially needy kids and families through spiritual, recreational, education and arts programs.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:47 a.m., Commissioner Horton moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, October 26, 2006, 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

PROCEEDINGS

of the Kent County Board of Commissioners October 26, 2006 – Regular Meeting

Meeting called to order at 8:31 a.m. by Chair Roger C. Morgan.

Present: Commissioners Agee, Boelema, Bulkowski, Hiddema, Horton, Klein, Koorndyk, Mayhue, Morren, Rolls, Tanis, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Vonk, Voorhees, Wahlfield, Chair Morgan – 17.

Absent: Mast, Postmus – 2 (Excused).

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Helen Brinkman, Candidate for Circuit Court Judgeship - Briefly compared her career in public service (Prosecutor's Office) to her opponents and asked Commissioners for their support of her candidacy.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Legal Assistance Center Update

Kristin Hanratty, Executive Director of the Legal Assistance Center ("LAC") noted that the LAC was opened in March of 2002 by the Grand Rapids Bar Association in cooperation with community partners. Located in the Kent County Courthouse, the LAC has helped over 42,000 people resolve disputes and increase their understanding of the legal system. The LAC has approximately 1,000 visitors per month, with 61% having annual incomes at or below \$20,000, 68% concern family law issues. Trustee Jon Muth thanked the Board members for their vision in 1996 in providing an office in the courthouse and continued monetary support of the LAC.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of October 12, 2006 Meeting
- b) October 17, 2006 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes (Reports of Claims and Allowances)
- c) Resolutions:

10-26-06-115 – POSITION CONVERSION – CLERK II / CLERK/REGISTER OF DEEDS

WHEREAS, the County Clerk/Register of Deeds requested the conversion of two part-time Clerk II positions into one full-time Clerk II position to result in improved operations in the Vital Records office. One of the part-time positions is vacant; and

WHEREAS, the additional cost in salary and benefits resulting from combining the positions would be \$10,604 annually; and

WHEREAS, the Clerk/Register eliminated one full-time Clerk II position in the Register of Deeds office reducing budgeted 2007 salary and benefit costs by \$42,369; and

WHEREAS, the overall net savings to the County for budget year 2007 will equal \$31,765.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves converting two part-time Clerk II (UAW 15) positions to one full-time Clerk II (UAW 15) position.

10-26-06-116 – BUDGET AMENDMENT – 2004 LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT – SPECIAL PROJECTS / SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, approximately ninety percent of 2004 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) funding comes from Federal grants; the remainder comes from the County's General Fund and interest earnings. The LLEBG provides funding for the specific purposes of hiring and training of law enforcement personnel, overtime, equipment/technology, establishing multi-jurisdictional task forces, drug courts, enhanced adjudication of violent offenders, crime prevention programs, and the purchase of indemnification insurance for law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, the original 2004 LLEBG budget appropriation was \$27,761. The grant will accumulate \$29,036 in total revenue, as a result of interest earnings in excess of original estimates, exceeding the current appropriated budget by \$1,275; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Department is requesting that the \$1,275 in additional funds be appropriated to their FY 2006 budget for future utilization, bringing the amended budget appropriation to \$29,036; and

WHEREAS, the additional funds will be used for the purchase of digital video recording equipment, for police cruisers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approves the appropriation of an additional \$1,275 to the 2004 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) FY 2006 budget in the Special Projects Fund.

10-26-06-117 – BUDGET AMENDMENT – DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES DISCRETIONARY UNMET NEEDS PROGRAM / COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT / DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Department of Human Services (DHS) Unmet Needs – Non County program budget is used for the specific purpose of funding the unmet needs contract with the Salvation Army for the Housing Continuum of Care Coordinator position; and

WHEREAS, the original DHS Unmet Needs – Non County budget was adopted at \$32,500 with funding provided by the City of Grand Rapids (\$25,000) and Kent County Community Development (\$7,500); and

WHEREAS, the DHS has been notified that the Kent County Community Development Office has an additional \$2,500 in available funds; and

WHEREAS, the DHS is requesting that the \$2,500 in additional funds be appropriated to their FY 2006 budget for future utilization, bringing the amended budget appropriation for Unmet Needs – Non County to \$35,000; and

WHEREAS, the additional funds will be used to provide increased support for the vision to end homelessness which is being spearheaded by the Salvation Army's Housing Continuum of Care Coordinator.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approves the appropriation of \$2,500 to the FY 2006 Department of Human Services Discretionary Unmet Needs Program budget in the Social Welfare Fund.

Motion by Commissioner Tanis, seconded by Commissioner Klein, to approve the consent agenda items.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Agee, Boelema, Bulkowski, Hiddema, Horton, Klein, Koorndyk, Mayhue, Morren, Rolls, Tanis, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Vonk, Voorhees, Wahfield, Chair Morgan – 17.

Nays: 0.

RESOLUTIONS

10-26-06-118 – KENT COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AMORTIZATION PERIOD / FISCAL SERVICES / HUMAN RESOURCES – PENSION

WHEREAS, Kent County Employees' Retirement Plan contracts with an independent actuary, Gabriel, Roeder, Smith and Company, to prepare a report entitled "Annual Actuarial Valuation", which is presented to the Kent County Pension Board for its review; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Actuarial Report for Kent County Employees' Retirement System establishes the contribution rates for funding purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Kent County Pension Board approved a 15-year amortization period based on the recommendation of the actuary, at the October 4, 2006, Pension Board meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners authorizes an amortization period change for the Kent County Employees' Retirement System from a 12-year amortization period to a 15-year amortization period.

Motion by Commissioner Wahfield, supported by Commissioner Koorndyk, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Agee, Boelema, Bulkowski, Hiddema, Horton, Klein, Koorndyk, Mayhue, Morren, Rolls, Tanis, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Vonk, Voorhees, Wahfield, Chair Morgan – 17.

Nays: 0.

10-26-06-119 – PARK LAND ACQUISITION – PARIS PARK EXPANSION / PARKS

WHEREAS, Kent County currently owns 60 acres of undeveloped, passive recreation land consisting of forest and wetlands in the City of Kentwood known as Paris Park. A parcel of adjacent property has become available for purchase; and

WHEREAS, the parcel will provide 3.61 acres for inclusion in Paris Park; and

WHEREAS, acquisition of the parcel is consistent with Parks Master Plan's priority of acquiring land adjacent to existing County park land; and

WHEREAS, the purchase price is supported by an appraisal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves the purchase of 3.61 acres of land (PPN 41-18-

35-351-005) at a cost of \$100,000 for expansion of Paris Park in the City of Kentwood.

Motion by Commissioner Boelema, supported by Commissioner Klein, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Agee, Boelema, Bulkowski, Horton, Klein, Koorndyk, Morren, Rolls, Tanis, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Vonk, Voorhees, Wahlfield, Chair Morgan – 15.

Nays: Hiddema, Mayhue - 2.

**10-26-06-120 – APPROVAL OF SUBLEASE WITH THE STATE OF MICHIGAN
FOR THE KENT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
SERVICES / DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES /
FACILITIES MANAGEMENT**

WHEREAS, for several years, the County has expressed concern over the conditions of the Kent County offices of the Michigan Department of Human Services (DHS) at 415 Franklin Ave., SE. While both the County and State have attempted to maintain this facility, the DHS clients and staff have been subjected to less than satisfactory conditions for many years, as various efforts to relocate the department have not been successful; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, Rep. Jerry Kooiman initiated a series of discussions with the County, the State, and the City of Grand Rapids to resolve the issue; and

WHEREAS, as a result of these discussions, the County, in February 2006, presented the State with a proposal to construct a new facility at the site of the Sheldon Complex, co-locating services with a County Health Clinic and Area Community Services Employment and Training (ACSET) service center on properties owned or available to the City at 121 Franklin Street and 801 and 811 Jefferson Avenue, commonly known as the Sheldon Complex. On July 27, 2006, the County approved option agreements with the City for the properties, pending successful negotiations with the State of Michigan for a sublease for space in a new facility; and

WHEREAS, a proposed sublease agreement has been negotiated with staff representatives of the State and the County, and requires approval of the County Board of Commissioners and the State Joint Capital Outlay Committee in order for the project to proceed; and

WHEREAS, under the terms of the sublease, the new facility will be developed at the site of the Sheldon Complex and designed, constructed, and financed by the County through the County Building Authority for approximately \$27,000,000. Under the terms of the agreement, the State will occupy approximately 80 percent of the facility and will pay a pro-rated share of debt retirement for the life of the bonds (20 years), operations and maintenance costs.

The initial lease term will be 20 years, with two five-year renewal options.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves the sublease with the State of Michigan for space within the proposed Kent County Consolidated Human Services Facility to be located at 121 Franklin Street (Sheldon Complex). S.E., Grand Rapids; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorizes the Administrator/Controller to take the steps necessary to execute the document, subject to its approval by the appropriate State officials.

Motion by Commissioner Morren, supported by Commissioner Koorndyk, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Agee, Boelema, Bulkowski, Hiddema, Horton, Klein, Koorndyk, Mayhue, Morren, Rolls, Tanis, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Vonk, Voorhees, Wahfield, Chair Morgan – 17.

Nays: 0.

REPORTS

Sports Commission Subcommittee

Commissioner Koorndyk reported that the Sports Commission Subcommittee will hold a stakeholders' update soon at the Van Andel Arena.

Transportation Subcommittee

Commissioner Vander Molen announced that the Transportation Subcommittee will meet following this meeting.

Health Care Benefits Subcommittee

Commissioner Klein said that the Health Care Benefits Subcommittee met and is working on solutions to the continuing rise in healthcare costs while still providing excellent benefits for employees.

MISCELLANEOUS

Civil Rights Initiative

Commissioner Mayhue solicited interested Commissioners to sign a press release from an ad hoc group of Commissioners opposing the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative (Proposal 2).

Veteran's Day Parade

Commissioner Tanis invited Commissioners to walk with him in the Veteran's Day Parade.

Standing Rules Amendment

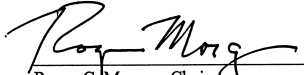
Commissioner Horton asked members to consider a future amendment to the Standing Rules that would require political caucus meetings held to discuss and decide appointments be announced at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board, and notice be posted at least two weeks prior to the caucus date (i.e., to follow the Open Meetings Act).

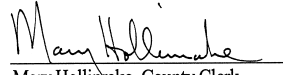
Campaigning

Commissioner Agee commented on the Public Comment today by urging candidates to keep the campaign tone on a higher level.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:15 a.m., Commissioner Tanis moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, November 16, 2006, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 8:30 a.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Koorndyk. Motion carried.


Roger C. Morgan, Chair


Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk

PROCEEDINGS

of the
Kent County Board of Commissioners
November 16, 2006 – Regular Meeting

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

Present: Commissioners Agee, Boelema, Bulkowski, Hiddema, Klein, Koorndyk, Mast, Mayhue, Morren, Postmus, Rolls, Tanis, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Vonk, Voorhees, Wahlfield, Chair Morgan – 18.

Absent: Horton – 1 (Excused).

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

1) Nancy Nielsen, 14130 Keller Avenue NE, Cedar Springs – As Chair of the Senior Millage Review Committee, she thanked Commissioners for their past support and encouraged their support today as they vote to adopt Senior Millage Allocations for 2007. She specifically thanked Commissioner Koorndyk for his years of effort with the Senior Millage.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Rapid Annual Update

Jennifer Kalczuk, Manager of Communications and External Relations, presented the update (copy of file in the Office of the County Clerk). In fiscal year 2006, ridership jumped from 6.4 million rides to 7.4 million rides making it the biggest single-year increase on record. In twelve months ridership grew 15%, with a 13.9% growth the previous year. The Rapid launched its new, totally revamped website (www.ridetherapid.org) which now includes new features such as on-line farecard purchasing, an interactive route map, and printer-friendly schedules. An e-mail alert system allows visitors to sign up for notices of pages that interest them; such as individual routes and schedules, job openings, public meeting notices, and vendor opportunities. The Rapid will purchase 5 hybrid-electric buses in 2007 and bus route information kiosks are being installed at all bus stops. In May 2007, Central Station will feature a concession area.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of October 26, 2006 Meeting
- b) November 7, 2006 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes (Reports of Claims and Allowances)
- c) Resolutions:

**11-16-06-121 – APPOINTMENTS TO THE KENT COUNTY DISPATCH
AUTHORITY / BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS / SHERIFF**

WHEREAS, at its July 27, 2006 meeting, the Board of Commissioners approved the amended and restated Kent County Dispatch Authority (KCDA) Agreement. The participating municipalities, Cities of Grand Rapids, Wyoming, Walker and Grandville, also approved the KCDA Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the KCDA will be responsible for the implementation of technology integration and operational compatibility of E911 dispatch in Kent County; and

WHEREAS, the general policies governing the KCDA are established by the Administrative Policy Board. The board will consist of twelve members: a representative of Kent County and a representative from the Sheriff Department; two representatives from the City of Grand Rapids, one representative each from the cities of Grandville, Walker, and Wyoming, two representatives from supporting cities, two representatives from supporting townships, and a representative from the Michigan State Police; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Art Tanis and Sheriff Larry Stelma served as members of the interim KCDA board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners appoints Commissioner Art Tanis and Sheriff Larry Stelma to serve on the KCDA Administrative Policy Board.

**11-16-06-122 – CHILD CARE FUND ANNUAL PLAN APPROVAL / CIRCUIT
COURT – FAMILY DIVISION / DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
SERVICES**

WHEREAS, each year the Kent County 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 percent of the annual net expenditures for certain costs related to placement and efforts to reduce placement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves the Child Care Fund Annual Plan for FY 2007 and authorizes the Board Chair to sign the document; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board appropriates an additional \$306,129 in State Grant funding, \$125,000 in other revenues, and \$181,129 from the Undesignated General Fund Balance to the Child Care Fund for the FY07 Budget.

**11-16-06-123 – LEGAL ASSISTANCE CENTER CONTRACT / FISCAL
SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Legal Assistance Center provides a centralized location where citizens of Kent County can receive assistance in educating themselves on civil matters, find information on area nonprofit agencies and other community agencies, lawyer referral services as well as materials designed to allow the pro se litigants to file their own civil cases; and

WHEREAS, the center has served over 10,000 individuals annually since its inception in 2002. The Board of Directors of the Legal Assistance Center has requested that the County provide operating support to partially underwrite the services provided by the center; and

WHEREAS, the County has leased space in the Courthouse building to the Center since January 2002 through a separate lease agreement for the sum of \$1 per annum.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve a contract with the Legal Assistance Center for FY2007 to provide operating support in the amount of \$40,000 to underwrite their services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Kent County Board of Commissioners be authorized to execute said agreement for and on behalf of the County of Kent.

11-16-06-124 – SALLY PORT EXPANSION AT JUVENILE DETENTION / JUVENILE DETENTION / FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

WHEREAS, the Juvenile Detention Center, located on Cedar Street NE, includes a "sally port" which is intended to allow for secure transfer from the facility to a transportation van in a secure (enclosed) environment; and

WHEREAS, the transport vans currently being utilized by law enforcement agencies are longer in length than the dimensions of the existing sally port; and

WHEREAS, on August 15, 2006, the Finance and Physical Resources Committee approved a budget line item transfer in the Childcare Fund in the amount of \$30,000 to provide for the sally port expansion. The project was not initiated in time to be included in the FY 2006 Childcare budget and the appropriation has lapsed; and

WHEREAS, the sally port expansion project has since been sent out for bid, the revised cost of expanding the sally port is estimated at \$51,700.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves the appropriation of an additional \$51,700 to the FY 2006 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund Budget, for the Sally Port Expansion at Juvenile Detention, from the Undesignated General Fund Reserves.

11-16-06-125 – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET AMENDMENT – SPECTRUM HEALTH / KENT COMMUNITY HOSPITAL BILLINGS / SHERIFF / FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

WHEREAS, since September, 1999 Spectrum Health has received periodic billings from the City of Grand Rapids for the provision of the water/sewer services to Kent County's Community Reentry Center and had unknowingly paid for same from the initiation date through December 31, 2005; and

WHEREAS, these payments by Spectrum Health on behalf of Kent County were identified in a recent internal audit taken by Spectrum Health, the summary of which totals \$85,841; and

WHEREAS, after discussion with county staff, Spectrum Health has submitted a request for reimbursement by the payment of same in three equal annual installments without interest; and

WHEREAS, Facilities Management staff has reviewed and accepted the documentation submitted by Spectrum Health concerning services rendered and payments made.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves the appropriation of an additional \$28,614 each year to the Facilities Management/General Fund - Fiscal Years 2006 & 2007 Budgets and expresses its intent to make an appropriation sufficient to provide for the balance due in Fiscal Year 2008.

Motion by Commissioner Hiddema, seconded by Commissioner Vonk, to approve the consent agenda items.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Wahlfeld, Voorhees, Vonk, Vaughn, Vander Molen, Tanis, Rolls, Postmus, Morren, Mayhue, Mast, Koorndyk, Klein, Hiddema, Bulkowski, Boelema, Agee, Chair Morgan – 18.

Nays: 0.

RESOLUTIONS

11-16-06-126 – SENIOR MILLAGE ALLOCATIONS FOR 2007 / 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 2006, the Kent County Senior Millage Review Committee reviewed 2007 funding requests and made recommendations regarding funding for each service. These recommendations were forwarded to the AAAWM Executive Committee on October 23, 2006, 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

WHEREAS, medication management service and flu vaccinations were not proposed by any agency in this current process. Funding is set aside and AAAWM will seek out providers of these services to address these health issues of the older adult.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners Board approves the allocation of \$6,100,000 in Senior Millage funds for 2007 as recommended by AAAWM.

Motion by Commissioner Postmus, seconded by Commissioner Koorndyk, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Wahlfeld, Voorhees, Vonk, Vaughn, Vander Molen, Tanis, Rolls, Postmus, Morren, Mayhue, Mast, Koorndyk, Klein, Hiddema, Bulkowski, Boelema, Agee, Chair Morgan – 18.

Nays: 0.

11-16-06-127 – 2007 CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU TOURISM PROMOTION PLAN AND BUDGET / BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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 & Visitors Bureau; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has, pursuant to the agreement between the County and the Grand Rapids/Kent County Convention & Visitors Bureau, received the 2007 proposed budget and Tourism Promotion Plan, which includes a request for a contribution from the Lodging Excise Tax Fund in the amount of \$914,165 for 2007, for the promotion of convention business throughout Kent County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves a 2007 contribution of \$914,165 from the Lodging Excise (Hotel/Motel) Tax Fund and approves the appropriation of an additional \$60,782 in FY2007 from the fund balance of the Lodging Excise Tax Fund.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Wahlfield, Voorhees, Vonk, Vaughn, Vander Molen, Tanis, Rolls, Postmus, Morren, Mayhue, Mast, Koorndyk, Klein, Hiddema, Boelema, Agee, Chair Morgan – 18.

Nays: Bulkowski – 1.

11-16-06-128 – CITY OF CEDAR SPRINGS DDA PROPOSED DISTRICT AMENDMENT / FISCAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the City of Cedar Springs Downtown Development Authority (DDA) has proposed to amend the boundaries of its Downtown Development Authority District; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the proposed amendment was held on by the City of Cedar Springs on October 12, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Kent County individually contributes over \$6 million of its tax levy in the form of either tax abatement or tax capture by Tax Increment Authority Districts in the various units of local government within the County; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment will result in an increase of the County's tax levy being captured by the City of Cedar Springs DDA; and

WHEREAS, the County of Kent is required to assess the impact on the County's financial condition, which would result from expansion of this Tax Increment District; and

WHEREAS, Act 97, P.A. of 1979, as amended, provides that not more than sixty days after a public hearing, the governing body of the jurisdiction levying property taxes that would otherwise be subject to capture, may exempt its taxes from capture by adoption of a resolution to that effect.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Kent, that the County of Kent hereby exercises its options, pursuant to the provisions of Act 197, P.A. of 1975, as amended, to exempt its property taxes from capture in the area to be added to the Downtown Development Authority District by the proposed boundary amendment, which was the subject of the public hearing held on October 12, 2006; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Clerk of the City of Cedar Springs, as required by Act 197, P.A. of 1975, as amended.

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

11-16-06-129 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NOTICE OF INTENT TO ENTER INTO A LEASE CONTRACT WITH THE KENT COUNTY BUILDING AUTHORITY / FISCAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners (the "Board") of the County of Kent, Michigan (the "County"), has established the Kent County Building Authority (the "Building Authority") pursuant to Act 31 of the Public Acts

of Michigan of 1948 (First Extra Session), as amended, MCL 123.951 et seq. ("Act 31"); and

WHEREAS, the Board deems it necessary and advisable for the County to cause the acquisition, construction, furnishing and equipping of a human services complex including parking and other ancillary facilities to be used by (a) the State of Michigan Kent County Department of Human Services, (b) the Area Community Services Employment and Training (ACSET) and (c) the Kent County Sheldon Health Clinic to be located at 121 Franklin Street, S.E. in the City of Grand Rapids (the "City") including additional property located at 801 and 811 Jefferson Avenue, S.E. in the City to be used for parking (the "Project") for use for public purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Building Authority is authorized by its Articles of Incorporation and Act 31 to acquire, construct, furnish and equip the Project on behalf of the County and to lease the same to the County pursuant to a limited full faith and credit general obligation contract of lease; and

WHEREAS, the County intends to enter into a limited full faith and credit general obligation contract of lease with the Building Authority substantially in the form attached as Exhibit A hereto (the "Lease Contract") pursuant to which the Building Authority will issue bonds in accordance with Act 31 in an amount not to exceed Twenty-Seven Million Dollars (\$27,000,000) (the "Bonds") for the Project; and

WHEREAS, said Lease Contract may not become effective until forty-five (45) days after a notice of intent to enter into said contract of lease pursuant to Section 8(b) of Act 31 has been published in a newspaper of general circulation in the County; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to express its intent to reimburse itself the costs related to the Project through the issuance by the Building Authority of tax-exempt bonds; and

WHEREAS, the County has determined to advance funds to the Building Authority to cover Project costs until the Bonds are issued.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Kent, Michigan:

1. That the Lease Contract substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A is hereby approved.

2. That the obligations of the County set forth in the Lease Contract shall be the full faith and credit limited general obligation of the County, it being understood that any tax levy of the County to meet these obligations is subject to existing statutory and constitutional tax limitations.

3. That the County Clerk is authorized and directed to publish a Notice of Intent to Enter into a Full Faith and Credit General Obligation Lease Contract in *The Grand Rapids Press*, a newspaper of general circulation in the County, determined to be the newspaper reaching the largest number of persons to whom said notice is directed.

4. That the County, pursuant to Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations promulgated pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, declares its intent to reimburse itself the costs of the Project and costs related thereto in an amount not to exceed Twenty-Seven Million Dollars (\$27,000,000) through the issuance by the Building Authority of the Bonds.

5. That the advancement to the Building Authority of up to Two Million Four Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$2,460,000) from the general funds of the County is authorized to cover initial Project costs to be reimbursed to the County by the Building Authority from proceeds of the Bonds at the time the Bonds are issued.

6. That staff is directed to promptly upon issuance of the Bonds acquire the property upon which the Project will be located pursuant to

an Option Agreement dated August 30, 2006, between the County and the City of Grand Rapids.

7 That a copy of this resolution shall be available for public inspection at the Office of the County Clerk, 1st Floor, County Administration Building, 300 Monroe Avenue, N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503.

Motion by Commissioner Vander Molen, supported by Commissioner Vonk, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Wahlfield, Voorhees, Vonk, Vaughn, Vander Molen, Tanis, Rolls, Postmus, Morren, Mahue, Mast, Koorndyk, Klein, Hiddema, Bulkowski, Boelema, Agee, Chair Morgan – 18.

Nays: 0.

11-16-06-130 - MILLENNIUM PARK MASTER PLAN 2006 UPDATE / PARKS

WHEREAS, with a majority of Millennium Park property acquired and the first phase construction of the Recreational Core complete, it became necessary to review the original 2001 Millennium Park Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, in April 2006, the Parks Department initiated a process to update the Millennium Park Master Plan. The County engaged the services of Conservation Design Forum and their team of local planning, engineering and design firms; and

WHEREAS, during this process input was received from park users and community stakeholders, as well as members of the Millennium Park Community Committee and the Architectural Advisory Review Board. On September 7, 2006, the Parks Department hosted a community open house to receive input on draft concepts of the master plan update; and

WHEREAS, the Master Plan 2006 Update will provide a common vision and guide to evaluate and implement specific development plans and environmental restoration and management strategies; and

WHEREAS, the plan identifies suitable areas for development, trails, amenities, phasing, remediation and habitat restoration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the Millennium Park Master Plan Update 2006.

Motion by Commissioner Tanis, supported by Commissioner Vander Molen, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried by voice vote.

REPORTS

Sports Commission Subcommittee

Commissioner Koorndyk reported that the Sports Commission Subcommittee's Final Report will go to Finance Committee on Tuesday, November 21st and then, if approved, on to the December 14th Board meeting.

Transportation Subcommittee

Commissioner Vander Molen announced that the Transportation Subcommittee will meet following this meeting.

Health Care Benefits Subcommittee

Commissioner Klein said that the Health Care Benefits Subcommittee is finalizing its recommendations.

MISCELLANEOUS

Equal Employment Opportunity Report

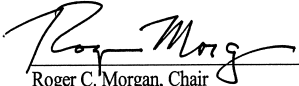
Commissioner Mayhue urged Commissioners to let the community know, with the recent adoption of the Equal Employment Opportunity Report, of the County's goals and efforts in this area.

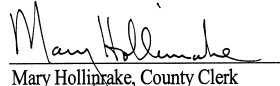
Republican Caucus

Chair Morgan announced that the Republican Caucus meeting will be Monday, December 4, 2006, 5:00 p.m., at Republican Headquarters, 264 Leonard Street NW, Grand Rapids.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:25 a.m., Commissioner Hiddema moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, December 14, 2006, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 8:30 a.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Koorndyk. Motion carried.


Roger C. Morgan, Chair


Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk

PROCEEDINGS

of the
Kent County Board of Commissioners
December 14, 2006 – Regular Meeting

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

Present: Commissioners Agee, Boelema, Bulkowski, Hiddema, Horton, Klein, Koorndyk, Mast, Mayhue, Morren, Postmus, Rolls, Tanis, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Vonk, Voorhees, Wahlfield, Chair Morgan – 19.

Absent: None.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Scott Atchison, 2251 South Saulk Trail, Grand Rapids – Addressed the Board on 4 topics: 1) Convention and Visitors Bureau (“CVB”) Budget; 2) the proposed Sports Commission; 3) House Bill 6606 – Hotel Assessment, and 4) Visitors and Information Center. He believes that the CVB budget is too high, feels that the proposed Sports Commission will be an arm of the CVB and questioned whether those meetings be open to the Public since the CVB meetings are not. He feels that an information booth in downtown Grand Rapids would be very beneficial to visitors as well as to the city.
2. Tim Lewis & Tom Raymond, Kent County Law Enforcement Association – On behalf of the Road Patrol, they thanked Commissioners for their support.
3. Bill Hirsch, 8005 Breton Avenue, Gaines Township – As an appointee to the Growth Committee for Caledonia Schools, he feels that sprawl is the number one contributor to urban abandonment and as such, he recognized and thanked Commissioner Horton for his service to both the county and state and on the Agriculture Preservation Board.
4. Kristi Sallie, 2321 Kent Blvd., Grand Rapids – Had asked the County to put in writing medical findings and its legal position which the County did not do. So, they have been at a standstill for 4 months. She mentioned a discrepancy in the amount charged for autopsies and wonders why the public has to pay at all. She would like Kent County to have an independent medical examiner, one who doesn't have an interest in the company performing the autopsies.
5. Mona Sallie, 2321 Kent Blvd., Grand Rapids - Would like a roll call vote on the Resolution 141 regarding the medical examiner reappointment.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Annual Employee Service Recognition

Chair Morgan presented the following employees with service awards:

Department	Service Employee	Years of Service
Circuit Court	Janice Casemier	25
	Jon Ferrier	
Friend of the Court	Christine Salle	25
Juvenile Detention	Jacquelyn Kraai	35
Health Department	Diana Hanson (Roger)	25
	Robert Schirado	30
Prosecutor's Office	William Forsyth	30
Public Works	William Allen	25
	Lorraine Hopson	25
	Norman Vanderoer	25
Sheriff's Department	Kenneth Curl	25
	Michael Dubay	25
	Jeffrey Freeman	25
	Timothy Hanrahan	25
	Edmund Zadvinskis	25
	Gary VanTuinen	30
Treasurer's Office	James Tanis	45

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of November 16, 2006 Meeting
- b) November 21 and December 5, 2006 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes (Reports of Claims and Allowances)
- c) Resolutions:

12-14-06-131 – ADOPTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY ON RECORDS MANAGEMENT / ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, as required by County policy, a biannual review of the Policy on Records Management was conducted. An interdepartmental work team performed the review; and

WHEREAS, the work team recommends merging the two existing policies into one policy, simplifying information and updating all policies. There were no substantive policy changes. Procedural and technical information was removed from the policy and were placed in the procedures; and

WHEREAS, a draft of the policy was circulated for review by department directors. All comments received were addressed by the work team; and

WHEREAS, the policy has been reviewed and approved as to form by Corporate Counsel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners adopt the Administrative Policy on Records Management.

**12-14-06-132 – APPROVE THE SPECIAL PROJECT FUND
REMONUMENTATION GRANT BUDGET AMENDMENT /
BUREAU OF EQUALIZATION**

WHEREAS, Pursuant to PA 345 of 1990, the State offers an annual grant to counties for providing survey, monumentation, and remonumentation of public land survey corners consistent with the County's plan; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2007 budget, as adopted by the Kent County Board (Resolution #09-28-06-102), included a \$170,000 appropriation for the Remonumentation Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Equalization has since been notified that the actual Remonumentation Grant is \$321,546; and

WHEREAS, no Unreserved, Undesignated, General Fund reserves are required.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves an additional \$151,546 to the Remonumentation Program budget in the Special Project Fund.

**12-14-06-133 – AMEND 2006 APPORTIONMENT REPORT /
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 and the Board of Commissioners examines certificates of each local taxing jurisdiction and directs millage rates to be spread on taxable valuations; and

WHEREAS, on October 12, 2006, the Board of Commissioners approved the 2006 Apportionment Report; and

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2006, Ada Township voters passed a millage of .5000 for trails to be levied on the 2006 winter tax cycle, therefore, the 2006 Apportionment Report is required to be amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners does hereby certify the amended millage rate for the Ada Township jurisdiction and directs that the millage rate of the County of Kent, townships, local school districts, intermediate school districts and community colleges, and the dollar amounts for the drains and rejected taxes be spread on the respective township and city rolls; 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 amended millage rate certificate.

**12-14-06-134 – APPROVE CONTRACT WITH DISABILITY ADVOCATES OF
KENT COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE BOARD CHAIR TO SIGN
/ COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

WHEREAS, this would be the thirteenth year that the Community Development Department has utilized the services of Disability Advocates of Kent County and its predecessor; and

WHEREAS, this non-profit agency will develop and maintain a list of handicap-accessible properties, provide accessibility modification designs to participating residential properties, and assist participants in obtaining resources to fund accessibility; and

WHEREAS, Corporate Counsel has reviewed and approved the agreement; and

WHEREAS, the contract period is October 1, 2006, to June 30, 2007.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners contract with Disability Advocates of Kent County; and

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

12-14-06-135 – AMENDMENT OF KENT COUNTY EMPLOYEES’ RETIREMENT PLAN / HUMAN RESOURCES

WHEREAS, the Kent County Employees’ Retirement Plan has been amended from time to time since its adoption in 1948, the latest amendment occurring in June 2006; and

WHEREAS, the amendment is for inclusion of an employee group neither covered by a bargaining unit contract nor the MPP and for clarification of prior plan changes:

- Sections 2.01(o)(4), 6.02, 7.04 and 9.02(b) are amended for inclusion of Security Enforcement Officers (Courthouse) as an employee group that in practice has been accruing benefits however has not been represented within the plan document.
- Section 9.02(b) amends the plan to bring it up to date for changes to the employee contribution rate to reach consistency with the use of a variable rate as approved by the Board of Commissioners.
- Section 6.03(c) is amended to accurately reflect the benefit commencement dates based on 2003 Board action for an ad hoc increase of benefits for a defined group of retirees; and

WHEREAS, Tim Tornga of Varnum, Riddering, Schmidt & Howlett prepared the amendment; and

WHEREAS, Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company, the plan’s actuary, submitted a supplemental actuarial analysis of the proposed benefit change.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approves an amendment of the Kent County Employees’ Retirement Plan to incorporate changes as the result of prior Board of Commissioners action.

12-14-06-136 – PARKS SPECIAL REVENUE FUND CLOSE-OUT BUDGET AMENDMENT / PARKS

WHEREAS, prior to the current (FY2006) Fiscal Year, Parks Operation and Maintenance activities were accounted for in a special revenue fund; and

WHEREAS, effective January 1, 2006 Parks Operation & Maintenance activities were consolidated with the General Fund; and

WHEREAS, the fund has a remaining balance of \$334,106 of which \$218,047 was previously established in project reserve account.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners appropriates \$334,106 to provide for close-out of the Parks Special Revenue Fund, transferring \$218,047 to the Fiscal Year 2006 Special Projects Fund and the remaining balance of \$116,059 to the General Fund – Undesignated/Unreserved Fund Balance.

**12-14-06-137 – ACCEPT A 2006-7 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY
PLANNING GRANT / SHERIFF**

WHEREAS, the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) Title III requires communities to develop offsite emergency response plans for facilities and farms that have Extremely Hazardous Substances (EHS); and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of State Police – Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division provides federal pass-through funds for Hazardous Material Emergency Preparedness planning grant programs; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this grant is to reimburse communities for maintaining and developing new site plans; and

WHEREAS, Kent County, through its Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), currently maintains 246 of these offsite plans and continues to look for new sites that may need plans; and

WHEREAS, if approved, the LEPC will use these funds to update existing plans as well as develop new plans where appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the grant period is October 1, 2006, to September 30, 2007.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approve the Sheriff's request to accept a Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning Grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Administrator/Controller to sign all grant documents.

(Commissioner Bulkowski asked that resolution 12-14-06-134 be removed from the consent agenda.)

Motion by Commissioner Boelema, seconded by Commissioner Vander Molen, to approve the remaining consent agenda items.

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

**12-14-06-134 – APPROVE CONTRACT WITH DISABILITY ADVOCATES
OF KENT COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE BOARD CHAIR TO
SIGN / COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

WHEREAS, this would be the thirteenth year that the Community Development Department has utilized the services of Disability Advocates of Kent County and its predecessor; and

WHEREAS, this non-profit agency will develop and maintain a list of handicap-accessible properties, provide accessibility modification designs to participating residential properties, and assist participants in obtaining resources to fund accessibility; and

WHEREAS, Corporate Counsel has reviewed and approved the agreement; and

WHEREAS, the contract period is October 1, 2006, to June 30, 2007.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners contract with Disability Advocates of Kent County; and

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

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Vonk, Wahlfield, Rolls, Horton, Tanis, Hiddema, Boelema, Voorhees, Morren, Agee, Mast, Vander Molen, Postmus, Mayhue, Vaughn, Koorndyk, Klein, Chair Morgan – 18.

Abstain: Bulkowski – 1.

RESOLUTIONS

12-14-06-138 – SPORTS COMMISSION / ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, in July 2006, Kent County Board of Commissioner Chair Roger Morgan established a Subcommittee of the Board to provide a recommendation regarding the creation of a West Michigan Sports Commission; and

WHEREAS, during the past three months, the Subcommittee studied potential roles of a Sports Commission and how creating a Commission may impact Kent County and West Michigan; and this process included interviews with community stakeholders including business leaders, athletic directors, prominent athletes, and others; and

WHEREAS, the Subcommittee concluded that benefits of creating a Sports Commission include economic impact, improved quality of life, and image enhancement; and for a Sports Commission to be successful, it is essential that it have broad based community support from many sectors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Kent, Michigan:

1. Subject to the conditions of this resolution, the Board establishes the West Michigan Sports Commission.

2. Authorizes a 5-year agreement with the West Michigan Sports Commission to provide operating support in the amount of \$200,000 per annum from the Lodging Excise Tax. It is anticipated at the end of the five years, the Sports Commission will be self-sufficient and no County funding will be required.

3. Authorizes the Chair of the County Board to execute all agreements, certificates, and documents as necessary as approved by the County Administrator and County Corporate Counsel.

4. The establishment of the Commission is subject to satisfaction of the following conditions:

- a. an annual contribution of \$100,000 by the private sector,
- b. an annual contribution by the Grand Rapids/Kent County Convention & Visitors Bureau, and
- c. an annual contribution by the Grand Rapids-Kent County Convention Arena Authority.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Vonk, Wahlfield, Rolls, Horton, Tanis, Boelema, Voorhees, Morren, Agee, Mast, Vander Molen, Postmus, Bulkowski, Mayhue, Vaughn, Koorndyk, Klein, Chair Morgan – 18.

Nays: Hiddema - 1.

**12-14-06-139 – 2007 DISCRETIONARY AND CURRENT UNMET
NEEDS FUNDS / DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners annually allocates funds to the 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 for which other alternative sources may be available, but which are not available at this time. The 2007 budget includes \$96,800 for this category. The DHS Board conducted a competitive review process for these funds in late 2006, and is recommending 16 programs for funding, totaling \$96,800; 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 2007 budget includes \$349,455 for Current Unmet Needs.

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

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Vonk, Wahlfield, Rolls, Horton, Tanis, Hiddema, Boelema, Voorhees, Morren, Agee, Vander Molen, Postmus, Bulkowski, Mayhue, Vaughn, Koorndyk, Klein, Chair Morgan – 18.

Nays: 0.

Abstain: Mast - 1.

**12-14-06-140 – 2007 BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR HEALTHCARE, POST
EMPLOYMENT HEALTHCARE AND COST ALLOCATION /
FISCAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Kent County Board adopted, by Resolution #09-28-06-102, the FY 2007 Appropriation Act as the official County budget for FY 2007; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2007 budget was constructed using estimates for healthcare, post employment healthcare, and cost allocation; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2007 Adopted Budget includes healthcare at an increase of 12.0% over prior year rates; the final recommendation is a 26.9% increase over prior year rates; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2007 Adopted Budget includes post employment healthcare at a rate 0.6% of payroll; the final recommended rate is 3.1% of payroll.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves an additional appropriation of \$1,565,051 to the FY 2007 budget.

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

12-14-06-141 – APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER / HEALTH

WHEREAS, State law (MCL 52.201) requires the Board of Commissioners of each county to appoint a County Medical Examiner for four-year terms. The current term expires December 31, 2006, and an appointment must be made for the next term; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Stephen Cohle has worked in the County's Medical Examiner Program since 1982, including serving as the Chief Deputy Medical Examiner, and since October 2002, serving as the County Medical Examiner; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Cohle meets the requirements of County Medical Examiner as provided for in state law, and has agreed to continue to serve in this capacity. Consistent with the current arrangement, the County will contract with Michigan Pathology Specialists, P.C. for Dr. Cohle's time and expertise; and

WHEREAS, Michigan Pathology Specialists, P.C. also serves as a subcontractor of the County to provide autopsy services for the County Medical Examiner Program. As permitted by the statute, Dr. Cohle will continue to provide autopsy and investigative services while serving as County Medical Examiner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners appoint Stephen Cohle, M.D., as the County Medical Examiner for the term of January 1, 2007, through December 31, 2010.

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

**12-14-06-142 – AMENDED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY POLICIES ON
REMOTE ACCESS, ACCEPTABLE USE, COMPUTING
SECURITY & WEBSITE / INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

WHEREAS, the County authorizes the use of County computer resources for the performance of work and the efficient exchange of information and provides a networked infrastructure to support these uses; and

WHEREAS, in March 2006, a work team was established to review several Information Technology policies that included representatives from the Aeronautics Department, Administrator's Office, Drain Commission, DPW, Health Department, Facilities Management, Friend of the Court, Information Technology Department, and Sheriff's Department; and

WHEREAS, the County has a significant investment in its technology infrastructure and information technology policies help ensure that the County's computer network remains available for use, data integrity and confidentiality are maintained, and users at all levels and locations are aware of their responsibilities for acceptable use, remote access, computing security and website use.;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners adopts the amended Information Technology Policy – Remote Access; Information Technology Policy – Acceptable Use; Information Technology Policy – Computing Security; and Information Technology Policy – County Website.

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

**12-14-06-143 – PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS GRANT
APPLICATION AND BUDGET APPROPRIATION –
ROBINSON FARM / KENT / MSU EXTENSION**

WHEREAS, the Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) Ordinance adopted by the Board of Commissioners in November 2002 established procedures for the administration of the PDR program. By ordinance, the Kent County Agricultural Preservation Board is responsible for much of the program administration, with certain items presented to the Board of Commissioners for approval; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners previously approved offering an option for the purchase of development rights on parcels as recommended by the Agricultural Preservation Board. Options were secured on properties including the 152 acre Robinson farm in Sparta Township; and

WHEREAS, the Agricultural Preservation Board recommends the use of \$68,097 remaining from the Michigan Agricultural Preservation Fund 2005/06 grant and to additionally submit an application in the amount of \$330,351 to the 2006/07 grant cycle for PDR for the Robinson farm. The application is due by January 5, 2007. The Robinson farm is the only farm from Kent County that qualifies (i.e. has local matching funds and is within a qualified township) for this state grant cycle.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves application to the Michigan Agricultural Preservation Fund 2006/07 grant cycle and appropriates any state grant funds received to the Kent County Agricultural Preservation Fund.

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

**12-14-06-144 – REVISIONS TO PARKS DEPARTMENT FEES –
MILLENNIUM PARK BEACH AND SPLASH PAD / PARKS**

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2006, the Board of Commissioners approved a fee schedule for the Millennium Park Beach and Splash Pad, to help offset the costs required to operate and maintain the facility; and

WHEREAS, in that the fee program was a new activity for the County, in approving the program, the Board asked that staff begin to collect baseline attendance data, and to treat the initial fee structure as a pilot which would be subject to review and adjustment; and

WHEREAS, following a review of the program, Parks and Administration staff are recommending continuation of the current daily user fee for the Beach and Splash areas for the 2007 season, but also recommend introducing a seasonal/family pass to provide additional value and accommodates repeat visits. Staff recommends the *SPLASH!* Program again be offered, but allow for more lead time and marketing; and

WHEREAS, the seasonal/family pass recommended for 2007 responds to visitor requests and provides value for repeat visitors at an attractive price. The seasonal/family pass rates were developed following a comparative review with other seasonal public swimming venues, as well as the John Ball Park Zoological Society's Family Membership program; and

WHEREAS, the recommended fee structure is as follows:

2007 Daily	Fee	2007 Seasonal/ Family Pass	Fee
Adult	\$3	Individual – 16-62 yrs.	\$35
Child (age 3-15)	\$1	Senior Individual – 63 yrs. & older	\$20
Child under 3	No Charge	Family pass – 2 adults and their children 18 years of age and younger living in same household	\$40
Senior (63 yrs. & older)	\$2		

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approves an amendment to the Parks Department's fee schedule for the Millennium Park Beach and Splash Pad for the 2007 season.

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

Motion by Commissioner Wahlfield, seconded by Commissioner Morren, to call the question. Motion failed for lack of support.

Motion by Commissioner Bulkowski, seconded by Commissioner Vaughn, to postpone the resolution until the first meeting in February, 2007.

Motion carried to postpone:

Yeas: Vonk, Rolls, Horton, Tanis, Hiddema, Boelema, Mast, Postmus, Bulkowski, Mayhue, Vaughn – 11.

Nays: Wahlfield, Voorhees, Morren, Agee, Vander Molen, Koorndyk, Klein, Chair Morgan - 8.

**12-14-06-145 – KENT COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION AGREEMENT –
M-6 NON-MOTORIZED PATHWAY DESIGN AND
CONSTRUCTION / PARKS**

WHEREAS, in 2005, Kent County Parks requested federal funding for trail development along M-6. Funds were awarded through the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) for the design and construction of a non-motorized pathway along M-6 connecting Kent Trails with the Paul Henry Thornapple Trail. The pathway is located in Byron and Gaines Townships; and

WHEREAS, the project supports the County's long range plans for regional trail development; and

WHEREAS, according to the proposed contract, the County is responsible for a 20 percent local match and for maintenance of the pathway after it is completed. The Parks Department has secured \$300,000 in private funding towards the local match; and

WHEREAS, Parks staff anticipates trail maintenance will consist of mowing the trail edge and based on similar experience with non-motorized trails can be absorbed into the existing Parks budget; and

WHEREAS, the proposed agreement was approved by the Kent County Road Commission Board on November 28, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Corporate Counsel has approved the Agreement as to form.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves the Agreement with the Kent County Road Commission and further authorizes the Chair to execute the Agreement.

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

12-14-06-146 – ADOPTION OF GREATER GRAND RAPIDS PRE-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN / SHERIFF

WHEREAS, undertaking hazard mitigation actions will reduce the potential for harm to people and property from future hazard occurrences; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of a Pre-Hazard Mitigation Plan is required as a condition of future funding for mitigation projects under FEMA pre- and post-disaster mitigation grant programs; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan State Police/Emergency Management Division and Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region V officials have reviewed the Pre-Hazard Mitigation Plan and approved it contingent upon the official adoption of the participating governments; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff recommends the adoption of the Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the Greater Grand Rapids Pre-Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in coordination with the County of Ottawa and City of Grand Rapids will submit Resolutions to the Michigan State Police/Emergency Management Division and Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region V officials to enable Greater Grand Rapids Pre-Hazard Mitigation Plan's final approval.

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

REPORTS

Transportation Subcommittee

Commissioner Vander Molen announced that the Transportation Subcommittee will meet in Room 311 immediately following this meeting.

Health Care Benefits Subcommittee

Commissioner Klein said that the Health Care Benefits Subcommittee will issue a report in January 2007.

Legislative

Commissioner Agee reported that three legislative issues: 1) Hotel/Motel Tax; 2) Road Commission – number of board members; and, 3) Fiscal Year End flexibility, have been voted out of the legislature and likely be signed into law.

COMMISSIONER RECOGNITION

Chair Morgan read and presented proclamations to Commissioners Horton, Postmus and Koorndyk, thanking them for their service to the community and their work on the Board. (These three Commissioners will not be returning to the board in 2007.)

Commissioner Vonk, on behalf of the Department of Public Works, thanked Commissioners Horton and Postmus for their service on that board.

MISCELLANEOUS

Single Business Tax

Commissioner Mayhue would like to see the state legislature to do something on the single business tax.

Commissioner Koorndyk Recognition

Commissioner Agee said that the Aeronautics Board will be recognizing Commissioner Koorndyk at its meeting on December 20th.

Fellow Commissioners Klein, Morren, Vander Molen, and Mayhue thanked and acknowledged Commissioner Koorndyk for his many attributes including his role as mentor, his nonpartisanship and civility, and his efforts to diversify boards and commissions. They expressed their sincere acknowledgement that his leadership will be missed.

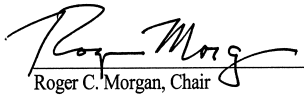
Commissioner Koorndyk thanked staff and his fellow board members.

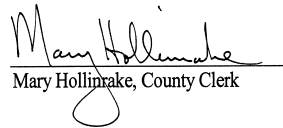
Commissioners-Elect

Chair Morgan acknowledged in the audience, Commissioners-elect Sandra Frost Parrish and Carol Hennessy.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:13 a.m., Commissioner Boelema moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Tuesday, January 2, 2007, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 8:30 a.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Mast. Motion carried.


Roger C. Morgan, Chair


Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk