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of the

**Board of Commissioners**

of

**Kent County,**

**Michigan**

**2007**

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# PROCEEDINGS

of the  
**Kent County Board of Commissioners**  
**January 2, 2007 – Regular Meeting**

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

County Clerk Mary Hollinrake administered the Oath of Office to County Commissioners as follows:

District 1	Theodore J. Vonk
District 2	Fritz W. Wahlfield
District 3	Roger C. Morgan
District 4	Gary L. Rolls
District 5	Sandra Frost Parrish
District 6	Arthur S. Tanis
District 7	Marvin J. Hiddema
District 8	Jack D. Boelema
District 9	Harold J. Voorhees
District 10	David J. Morren
District 11	Dean Agee
District 12	Harold J. Mast
District 13	Richard Vander Molen
District 14	Carol Hennessy
District 15	Dick Bulkowski
District 16	W. Paul Mayhue
District 17	James Vaughn
District 18	Brandon Dillon
District 19	Nadine Renee Klein

**Present:** Commissioners Agee, Boelema, Bulkowski, Dillon, Hennessy, Hiddema, Klein, Mast, Mayhue, Morgan, Morren, Parrish, Rolls, Tanis, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Vonk, Voorhees, Wahlfield - 19.

**Absent:** None.

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

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Clerk Hollinrake opened nominations for Chair of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Klein nominated Roger C. Morgan. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wahlfield.

Motion by Commissioner Mayhue, seconded by Commissioner Klein, that the nominations be closed and that a unanimous ballot be cast for Commissioner Roger C. Morgan.

Motion carried by voice vote.

Commissioner Roger C. Morgan was declared elected Chair of the Board of Commissioners.

Chair Morgan opened nominations for Vice Chair.

Commissioner Boelema nominated Commissioner Richard Vander Molen. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Tanis.

Commissioner Bulkowski nominated Commissioner Paul Mayhue. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughn.

Motion by Commissioner Tanis, seconded by Commissioner Klein, that nominations be closed, and a roll call vote be taken.

Motion carried:

Vander Molen: Agee, Boelema, Hiddema, Klein, Mast, Morren, Parrish, Rolls, Tanis, Vander Molen, Vonk, Voorhees, Wahlfield, Chair Morgan – 14.

Mayhue: Bulkowski, Dillon, Hennessy, Mayhue, Vaughn – 5.

Commissioner Richard A. Vander Molen was declared elected Vice Chair of the Board of Commissioners.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk/Register – Administered the Oath of Office to Drain Commissioner William Byl.

Drain Commissioner Byl said that it is a pleasure to be back working for the County and offered new members, and any other Commissioners interested, a tour of the Drain Commission office.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a) Approval of Minutes of December 14, 2006 Meeting
- b) December 19, 2006 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes (Reports of Claims and Allowances)
- c) Resolutions:

#### **1-02-07-1 – APPROVE THE BUILDING AUTHORITY DEBT SERVICE FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT / FISCAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, in November 2005, the KCBA Series 1998 Bonds were refunded; and

WHEREAS, the savings, generated from refunding the bond issue, equated to a present dollar value of \$3.1 million (equivalent to 5.77% of refunded bonds); and

WHEREAS, the additional expenses incurred, as a result of refunding the bond issue, for FY 2006 is \$84,500.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approves the appropriation of an additional \$84,500 to the Kent County Building Authority (KCBA) Debt Service Fund budget from General Fund Reserves.

#### **1-02-07-2 – KENTWOOD LANDFILL BUDGET AMENDMENT / PUBLIC WORKS**

WHEREAS, the Kentwood Landfill Perpetual Care budget is based on interest revenue; and

WHEREAS, Perpetual Care interest revenues are estimated at \$216,000; and



WHEREAS, in order for the Kentwood Landfill Perpetual Care to have sufficient funds to pay future expenses, the interest revenue is offset by a Perpetual Care expense; and

WHEREAS, DPW budgeted \$50,000 in FY 2006 for the Kentwood Perpetual Care expense budget; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2006 estimate for the Kentwood Perpetual Care expenses is \$216,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approves the appropriation of an additional \$166,000 to the Department of Public Works (DPW) Solid Waste Fund budget for the Kentwood Landfill from additional interest revenues.

#### **1-02-07-3 – BIENNIAL UPDATE OF FISCAL POLICIES / FISCAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the policy and procedures manual of Kent County includes a requirement that a review of all established policies be conducted on a biennial basis; and

WHEREAS, a team consisting Gail Brink, Finance Director – Health Department; Stephen Duarte, Deputy Director of Fiscal Services; Francine Farrington, Accounting Manager – Fiscal Services; Brian Picardat, Aeronautics Department – Finance & Administration; Paula Taylor – Circuit Court Finance Manager; Marvin VanNortwick – Fiscal Services Budget Coordinator; Dan Kendall – Public Works Finance Division Director; Ken Parrish – County Treasurer; and Robert White – Fiscal Services Director reviewed all current Fiscal Policies of the County; and

WHEREAS, the staff team has recommended certain changes to the Employee Business Expense policy in order to provide further clarification and understanding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves the revised travel policy as submitted.

Motion by Commissioner Voorhees, seconded by Commissioner Tanis, that the consent agenda items be approved.

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

#### **1-02-07-4 – SENIOR MILLAGE ADMINISTRATION / ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE**

WHEREAS, Kent County's contract with the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan, Inc. (AAAWM) for administration of the Senior Millage program expires December 31, 2006, and the County has contracted with AAAWM for administration of the Senior Millage since 1999; and

WHEREAS, AAAWM has met its contractual obligations with respect to the millage administration and is willing to continue to administering the millage for a base rate of \$270,000 with increases in 2008 and 2009 (County option) based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI); and

WHEREAS, a two-year extension of the Contract with a third year option will allow the County to reevaluate the need to issue a Request for Proposal for services to be rendered in future years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners extends the contract with AAAWM for administration of the Senior Millage Funds through December 31, 2008 with a County option for 2009

that reflects additional economies of scale, segregation of administrative activities, and coordination with services of the State's Office of Services to the Aging.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Agee, Boelema, Bulkowski, Dillon, Hennessy, Hiddema, Horton, Klein, Mast, Mayhue, Morgan, Morren, Rolls, Tanis, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Vonk, Voorhees, Wahlfeld – 19.

Nays: 0.

**1-02-07-5 – REQUEST FOR NEW FEE FOR THE HUMAN  
PAPILLOMAVIRUS (HPV) VACCINE / HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, on November 27, 2006, the Michigan Department of Community Health began providing the HPV Vaccine to Health Departments for distribution to Vaccines for Children (VFC) providers ; and

WHEREAS, the HPV Vaccine is the first vaccine developed to protect recipients from HPV, the leading cause of cervical cancer in women. The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends a three dose series of vaccine for females 9-26 years of age with routine administration occurring at 11-12 years of age ; and

WHEREAS, the VFC vaccine supply assures the availability of this vaccine for patients who are 9-18 years of age and are Medicaid eligible, American Indian, Alaskan Native, or without insurance coverage. The VFC program prohibits private providers from using VFC HPV vaccine to vaccinate underinsured patients. Therefore, underinsured adolescents must be referred to the Health Department for their VFC vaccine; and

WHEREAS, to meet the needs of the non-VFC eligible recipients, the Health Department must purchase a supply of the HPV vaccine. The cost of the HPV vaccine is \$119.75 per dose, resulting in a fee request of \$120 to cover the cost of the vaccine. The \$10 vaccine administration fee will be charged in addition to the \$120 vaccine fee; and

WHEREAS, the new fee requested for vaccinations does not generate any additional net revenue for the Health Department. The proposed fee covers the cost of the vaccine only; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing is scheduled for December 27, 2006, to educate the public concerning the new fee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve a new fee to the Health Department's fee schedule for the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccine effective January 3, 2007.

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

**APPOINTMENTS  
2007 STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Finance & Physical Resources  
Committee**

Dick Vander Molen, Chair  
Jack Boelema, Vice-Chair  
Carol Hennessy  
Harold Mast  
Gary Rolls  
Art Tanis

**Legislative & Human Resources  
Committee**

Dean Agee, Chair  
Nadine Klein, Vice-Chair  
Dick Bulkowski  
Brandon Dillon  
Marvin Hiddema  
Paul Mayhue

<b><u>Finance &amp; Physical Resources Committee</u></b>	<b><u>Legislative &amp; Human Resources Committee</u></b>
James Vaughn	David Morren
Harold Voorhees	Sandra Parrish
Fritz Wahlfield	Ted Vonk

**2007 SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

Bargaining/Benefits Sub-Committee: Commissioners Morgan (Chair), Agee, Bulkowski, Klein, Tanis, and Vander Molen

Building Task Force: Commissioners Wahlfield (Chair), Boelema, Vander Molen, and Vonk

Soil Erosion Sub-Committee: Commissioners Vonk (Chair), Hiddema and Morren

Transportation Sub-Committee: Commissioners Vander Molen (Chair), Agee, Bulkowski, Morren, Rolls, and Tanis

**2007 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS BY CHAIR**

**A.C.S.E.T.**

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

**County/Township Liaison**

Dean Agee

**Grand Rapids – Kent County Convention / Arena Authority Liaison Committee**

Nadine Klein	Gary Rolls
Harold Voorhees	

**Grand Valley Metropolitan Council Transportation Division Policy Committee**

Sandi Parrish

**Greater Grand Rapids Convention Bureau**

Daniel Koorndyk  
David Morren

**Housing Commission**

Thomas Dann  
Raymond Dewey  
Daryl Domke  
Thomas James  
John Walker

**Human Services Committee**

Roger Morgan (by virtue of office)

**Officer's Compensation Commission**

Leland Mellendorf	Susan Molhoek
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**Pension Board**

David Morren

**Resource Conservation & Development Committee**

Gary Rolls Art Tanis

**Senior Millage Review Committee**

Marvin Hiddema Richard Vander Molen

**Right Place Program**

Daryl Delabbio

**2007 BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES****Aeronautics Board**Joseph Jones Richard Vander Molen  
Ted Vonk**Agricultural Preservation Board**John Francis Don Hilton  
Gabe Hudson Chip Hurley  
Gary Rolls Mari Stone**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 Corrections Advisory Board**Denise Allsberry Gary Rolls  
Paul Sullivan Larry Woods**Community Mental Health Authority Board**Charles Brown Felicia Shabazz  
William VerHulst John Walker**County Building Authority**

Dan Koorndyk Dennis Mosson

**Fire Commission**Don Hilton Dennis Hoemke  
James McIntyre Art Tanis  
Fritz Wahlfield Jean Wahlfield**Foreign Trade Zone Board (Kent, Ottawa, Muskegon)**

Daryl Delabbio

**Friend of the Court Advisory Committee**Judy Ostrander AnnMarie Smith  
Christina Tilney**Grand Rapids – Kent County Convention / Arena Authority**

Steven Heacock

**John Ball Zoo Advisory Board**Audrey Nevins Sandi Parrish  
Tom Postmus**Kent County Family and Children's Coordinating Council**

Jack Greenfield Patti Warrington

**Kent District Library Board**

Charles Fry Carol Simpson

**Kent Hospital Finance Authority**

Richard Fabiano Hattie Patterson

**Millennium Park Architectural Advisory Board**

David Custer Art Tanis

**Millennium Park Community Committee**

Susan Burton Steve Chambers  
Joeann Franklin Renee Hill  
Margaret Kaminski Nadine Klein  
Harold Voorhees

**Public Works Board**

Sandi Parrish Gary Rolls  
Art Tanis

**Road Commission Board**

Dave Groenleer Patrick Malone

Motion by Commissioner Agee, seconded by Commissioner Vander Molen, that the appointments by Chair to Standing Committees & Special Committees, Annual Chair Appointments to Various Committees, and Various Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees be approved.

Motion carried by voice vote.

**MISCELLANEOUS****Thank you**

Commissioner Mayhue acknowledged and thanked President Ford for his service and James Brown for his leadership in the black community.

**Introductions**

Commissioners Wahlfeld, Dillon, Hennessy, Parrish, Hiddema and Chair Morgan introduced their families and friends present at today's meeting.

Chair Morgan welcomed new Commissioners.

**In Memory**

Commissioner Dillon acknowledged Chad Vollmer, a resident from his district, who was recently killed in Iraq. He expressed his sympathy to the family and asked that at this time of remembrance we not forget those who have and are fighting for our country.

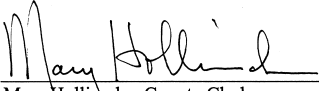
**Finance Committee & Transportation Subcommittee**

Commissioner Vander Molen announced that the Finance Committee will meet immediately following this meeting and the Transportation Subcommittee will meet on January 11, 2007.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:01 a.m., Commissioner Voorhees moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chairman, and to Thursday, January 25, 2007, at 8:30 a.m. for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Wahlfield. Motion carried.

  
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Roger C. Morgan, Chair

  
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Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk

# PROCEEDINGS

of the  
**Kent County Board of Commissioners**  
**January 25, 2007 – Regular Meeting**

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

**Present:** Commissioners Agee, Boelema, Bulkowski, Dillon, Hennessy, Hiddema, Klein, Mayhue, Morgan, Morren, Tanis, Vaughn, Vonk, Voorhees, Wahlfield - 15.

**Absent:** Mast, Parrish, Rolls, Vander Molen – 4 (Excused).

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

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Virginia Smith, 6406 Courtland Drive, Rockford – As President of the UAW Local 2600, she expressed concerns with the proposed zoo reorganization. She asked the Board to table this resolution until union representatives can meet with county personnel and resolve these issues.

### CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of January 2, 2007 Meeting
- b) January 2 and 16, 2007 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes (Reports of Claims and Allowances)
- c) Resolutions:

**1-25-07-6 – APPROVE CONTRACT WITH HOME REPAIR SERVICES OF KENT COUNTY, INC. AND 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 21 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 (\$52,322), Builder's Abundance (\$16,611), Accessibility Modifications (\$19,101), Volunteer Coordination (\$4,983), and Foreclosure Intervention (\$3,322) programs; and

WHEREAS, Corporate Counsel has reviewed and approved the agreement; and

WHEREAS, the contract period is September 1, 2006, to June 30, 2007.

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.

**1-25-07-7 – APPROVE CONTRACT WITH FAIR HOUSING CENTER OF GREATER GRAND RAPIDS AND 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-third 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, 2006, to June 30, 2007.

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.

**1-25-07-8 – 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, 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, 2007, to June 30, 2007.

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.



**1-25-07-9 – APPROVE CONTRACT WITH AREA COMMUNITY  
SERVICE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING AND AUTHORIZE  
BOARD CHAIR TO SIGN / COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

WHEREAS, this is the first time Community Development has proposed using ACSET for the provision of weatherization services; and

WHEREAS, the contract, if approved, will provide for a home weatherization program as well as minor home repair; 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 Area Community Service Employment and Training; and

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

**1-25-07-10 – 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 2006, the County was authorized to transfer \$10,840,632 from the RSRF to the County's General Fund; and

WHEREAS, based on an estimated inflation rate of 3.3% and the FY 2006 authorized transfer of \$10,840,632, the FY 2007 budgeted transfer to the County's General Fund from the RSRF was established at \$11,198,373; and

WHEREAS, the inflation rate as established by the State of Michigan, is 3.7% not 3.3%. Based on the 3.7% inflation rate, the maximum allowable FY 2007 transfer is \$11,241,736, an increase of \$43,363 over the estimate of \$11,198,373 included in the FY 2007 Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approve the appropriation of an additional \$43,363 to the Revenue Sharing Reserve Fund from the RSRF reserves.

**1-25-07-11 – 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, on February 23, 2006, the Board of Commissioners approved a three-year labor agreement for the period of January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2007, between the County and the UAW representing Local 2600 without amending personnel budgets; and

WHEREAS, there are two positions in the Treasurer's Office who are responsible for administering/auditing hotel/motel tax receipts. The FY 2006 budget estimated personnel cost for the Lodging Excise Tax Fund was

calculated using the base wages before the FY 2005 retroactive personnel increases were applied; and

WHEREAS, the total FY 2006 budget appropriation for the Lodging Excise Tax Fund is \$6,166,175, of which \$115,898 was designated for personnel. The FY 2006 estimated personnel costs, after year-end accrual, are \$122,398; and

WHEREAS, Fiscal Services is requesting an additional \$6,500 appropriation from Lodging Excise Tax Fund Reserves to cover the remaining FY 2006 expenses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approve the appropriation of an additional \$6,500 to the Lodging Excise Tax Fund from the Lodging Excise Tax Fund reserves.

**1-25-07-12 – BIENNIAL UPDATE OF FISCAL POLICIES / FISCAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the policy and procedures manual of Kent County includes a requirement that a review of all established policies be conducted on a biennial basis; and

WHEREAS, a team consisting Gail Brink, Finance Director – Health Department; Stephen Duarte, Deputy Director of Fiscal Services; Francine Farrington, Accounting Manager – Fiscal Services; Brian Picardat, Aeronautics Department – Finance & Administration; Paula Taylor – Circuit Court Finance Manager; Marvin VanNortwick – Fiscal Services Budget Coordinator; Dan Kendall – Public Works Finance Division Director; Ken Parrish – County Treasurer; and Robert White – Fiscal Services Director reviewed all current Fiscal Policies of the County; and

WHEREAS, the staff team has recommended certain changes to the Fund Balance/Fund Equity policy, in order to provide further clarification and understanding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves the revised Balance/Fund Equity policy as submitted.

(Commissioner Mayhue asked that resolution 1-25-07-7 be removed from the consent agenda.)

Motion by Commissioner Morren, seconded by Commissioner Klein, to approve the remaining consent agenda items.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Wahlfield, Voorhees, Vonk, Vaughn, Tanis, Morren, Mayhue, Klein, Hiddema, Hennessy, Dillon, Bulkowski, Boelema, Agee, Chair Morgan – 15.  
Nays: 0.

**1-25-07-7 – APPROVE CONTRACT WITH FAIR HOUSING CENTER OF GREATER GRAND RAPIDS AND 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-third 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, 2006, to June 30, 2007.

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 Morren, supported by Commissioner Tanis, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

#### **1-25-07-13 – REORGANIZATION AND POSITION RECLASSIFICATIONS / JOHN BALL ZOOLOGICAL GARDEN AND PARK**

WHEREAS, at the request of the Director of John Ball Zoological Garden (JBZ), Human Resources conducted a study of the organizational structure and job audits of the existing positions for JBZ; and

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

1. Assistant Zoo Director from MPP 25 to MPP 26
2. Zoo Operations Manager from MPP 24 to MPP 25
3. Zoo Animal Curator (MPP 22 - 2 positions) to Animal Management Supervisor (MPP 21)
4. One Park Laborer II (UAW 12) to Park Maintenance Worker I (UAW 14)
5. One Zookeeper II (UAW 19) to Veterinary Technician (UAW 19)
6. Three Zookeepers II (UAW 19) to Zookeeper (UAW 17); and

WHEREAS, based on organizational design considerations, Human Resources recommends the following positions be eliminated:

1. Zoo Education Curator (MPP 22)
2. Two Zoo Education Specialists (UAW 21)
3. One Park Maintenance Worker II (UAW 17)
4. One Zookeeper II (long-term vacancy) (UAW 19); and

WHEREAS, Based on organizational design considerations, Human Resources recommends the following positions be added:

1. One General Curator (MPP 25)
2. One Director of Zoo Education (MPP 24)
3. One Volunteer Coordinator (UAW 21)
4. One Zoo Instructor (UAW 19)

WHEREAS, the results of the audit have been reviewed with the Director of the John Ball Zoological Garden; and

WHEREAS, the annual savings in salary and benefit costs from reorganization of JBZ is \$107,699, based on 1/1/2007 rates of pay and is reflected in the 2007 Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approves reorganization of John Ball Zoological Garden (JBZ) to improve operating efficiency in the department. The reorganization requires reclassification of nine existing positions, elimination of five existing positions, creation of three new classifications and addition of four positions.

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

Following discussion Commissioner Tanis moved, supported by Commissioner Morren, to call the question.

Motion to call the question carried by voice vote.

Motion to adopt resolution carried:

Yeas: Wahlfeld, Voorhees, Vonk, Vaughn, Tanis, Morren, Klein, Hiddema, Boelema, Agee, Chair Morgan – 11.

Nays: Mayhue, Hennessy, Dillon, Bulkowski - 4.

#### **1-25-07-14 – REVISIONS TO PARKS DEPARTMENT FEE SCHEDULE / 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; and

WHEREAS, the Parks Department is recommending changes to the rates for Wabasis Campground (full hook-up, electrical service sites and cottage) and to various rates at the L. E. Kaufman Golf Course to remain consistent with the market.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the amendments to the Parks Department's fee schedule effective February 1, 2007.

Motion by Commissioner Boelema, supported by Commissioner Hiddema, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Wahlfeld, Voorhees, Vonk, Vaughn, Tanis, Morren, Mayhue, Klein, Hiddema, Hennessy, Dillon, Bulkowski, Boelema, Agee, Chair Morgan – 15.

Nays: 0.

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

##### **West Michigan Sports Commission Executive Committee**

- Richard Vander Molen – Kent County Board of Commissioners (Chair)
- Wayman Britt – Kent County Assistant Administrator (Vice-Chair)
- Dan DeVos – DP Fox
- Deb Kay – Community Advocate
- Bill McDonald – Worsfold Macfarlane McDonald
- Kathleen Ponitz – Progressive AE, Grand Rapids/Kent County CVB
- Peter Secchia – SIBSCO
- Tim Selgo – Grand Valley State University Athletic Director
- Joe Tomaselli – Amway Grand Hotel, GR-Kent County CAA
- Rob VerHeulen – City of Walker
- Harold Voorhees – Kent County Board of Commissioners
  
- Bill Martin, ex-officio, U of M Athletic Director
- Arend Lubbers, ex-officio, GVSU president emeritus
- Bob Sullivan, ex-officio, former Detroit Tiger scout, local businessman

Motion by Commissioner Morren, seconded by Commissioner Wahlfield, that the appointments by Chair to the West Michigan Sports Commission Executive Committee be approved.

Motion carried by voice vote.

### **REPORTS**

#### **Soil Erosion Subcommittee**

Commissioner Vonk announced that the Soil Erosion Subcommittee (Commissioners Morren, Hiddema and Vonk) will hold its second meeting today.

#### **Public Works Board**

Commissioner Tanis noted that the Public Works Board meeting of February 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 a.m. will meet at the Waste-to-Energy Facility. A tour of the facility for new commissioners will be conducted at 8:30 a.m. following the regular meeting. All commissioners are welcome.

#### **Building Task Force**

Commissioner Wahlfield reported that the 63<sup>rd</sup> District Court Building project is going well. A design of the building will be available for Commissioners to view. After the results of the soil test are in, they hope to close on the property in 30 days.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **Sports Commission**

Commissioner Voorhees thanked Chair Morgan for his appointment to the Sports Commission Executive Committee.

Commissioner Mayhue expressed his interest in seeing high school sports included.

Commissioner Hennessy expressed her appreciation for the Sports Commission and those willing to serve on the Executive Committee.

#### **Sympathy**

Commissioner Vaughn recognized the recent death of Bishop Abney and asked for a moment of silence.

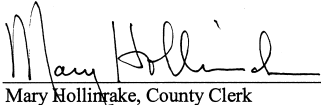
#### **Homeless**

Commissioner Boelema asked that we remember the homeless in our community. Today at 10:00 a.m., a one-day event for homeless persons will be held at the Van Andel Arena. The Grand Rapids Area Coalition to End Homeless is sponsoring this opportunity for the homeless to access free community-base services.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:12 a.m., Commissioner Morren moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, February 8, 2007, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 8:30 a.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Klein. Motion carried.

  
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Roger C. Morgan, Chair

  
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Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk

# PROCEEDINGS

## of the Kent County Board of Commissioners February 8, 2007 – Regular Meeting

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

**Present:** Commissioners Agee, Bulkowski, Dillon, Hennessy, Hiddema, Klein, Mast, Mayhue, Morgan, Parrish, Rolls, Tanis, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Voorhees, Wahlfield - 16.

**Absent:** Boelema, Morren, Vonk – 3 (Excused).

**Invocation:** Commissioner Agee introduced Doug Fagerstrom, Grand Rapids Theological Seminary, who gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Brenda Stringer, 7451 Conservation NE, Ada – Acknowledged and thanked former John Ball Zoo Advisory Board member, Joe Sypniewski, for his many years of service.

### SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

#### Proclamation – Keep Kent County Warm Month

Commissioner Vaughn read a proclamation by the Kent County Board of Commissioners proclaiming February as *Keep Kent County Warm Month*. The Heat and Warmth Fund (THAW), in partnership with the local Area Community Services Employment and Training Council (ACSET), is helping to raise awareness of the need to provide Kent's struggling families and senior citizens with emergency energy assistance by sponsoring two upcoming fund raisers: 1) the annual "West Michigan Walk for Warmth" on February 17, and 2) the Second Annual THAW Winter Warmth Radiothon in Grand Rapids on February 23-24 at Woodland Mall.

#### Appointed Board – Citizens Recognition

Chair Morgan recognized the following citizens for their service:

Steve Klusovksy - FOC Citizen's Advisory Committee (Jan. 2001 – Dec. 2006)  
Mary Alice Williams - Family & Children's Coordinating Council (Jan. 2001 – Dec. 2006)  
Mary Stanley - Millennium Park Community Com. (Aug. 2005 – Dec. 2006)  
Ken Parrish - Foreign Trade Zone Board (Jan. 1995 – Dec. 2006)  
Joe Sypniewski - John Ball Zoo Advisory Board (Jan. 1992 – Dec. 2006)  
Nikki Outhier - Millennium Park Community Com.(Aug. 2005 – Dec. 2006)  
Eric Zeemering - Housing Commission (Jan. 2003 – Dec. 2006)

### CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of January 25, 2007 Meeting
- b) Resolutions:

**2-08-07-15 – 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 8,658 meals would be provided under this proposed contract at a cost not to exceed \$10,737; and

WHEREAS, Corporate Counsel has reviewed and approved the agreement; and

WHEREAS, the contract period is January 1, 2007, to June 30, 2007.

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.

**2-08-07-16 – RELEASE OF EASEMENT TO BARRY AND IONIA COUNTY /  
DRAIN COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, on October 27, 2006, the Ionia County Circuit Court established the boundaries of the Jordan Lake Level Assessment District; and

WHEREAS, the Barry County records have been reviewed and it was determined that easements for the dam located at Jordan Lake were originally issued to the Counties of Barry, Ionia, and Kent under the supervision of the Little Thornapple River Drainage Board; and

WHEREAS, for the operation, maintenance, and improvements of the dam, it is necessary for the powers granted in the easements to be transferred from the Counties of Barry, Ionia, and Kent to the Counties of Barry and Ionia, for purposes of meeting the requirements under Part 307, MCL 324.30701 *et seq.*

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Board authorizes the Chairperson to execute an assignment of the easement interests held by Kent County as granted on October 1, 1957, by Mrs. Letha McLenithan and on October 23, 1959, by Leland Enz and Carol Enz to the Counties of Barry and Ionia for purposes of operation, maintenance, and improvement of the Jordan Lake Dam, under Part 307, MCL 324.30701 *et seq.*
2. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as the same may be in conflict herewith are hereby rescinded.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Wahlfield, Rolls, Parrish, Tanis, Hiddema, Voorhees, Agee, Mast, Vander Molen, Hennessy, Bulkowski, Mayhue, Vaughn, Dillon, Klein, Chair Morgan – 16.

Nays: 0.



**RESOLUTIONS****2-08-07-17 – 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:

<b>2007 Daily</b>	<b>Fee</b>	<b>2007 Seasonal/ Family Pass</b>	<b>Fee</b>
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, supported by Commissioner Klein, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion by Commissioner Hennessy, seconded by Commissioner Dillon, to refer the resolution back to Finance Committee to review the fees.

Motion failed:

Yeas: Hennessy, Bulkowski, Mayhue, Vaughn, Dillon – 5.

Nays: Wahlfeld, Rolls, Parrish, Tanis, Hiddema, Voorhees, Agee, Mast, Vander Molen, Klein, Chair Morgan – 11.

Motion by Commissioner Mayhue, seconded by Commissioner Vaughn, to amend the resolution to reflect that Kent County will take over the concession stand at Millennium Park in order to defray cost to the public at large in admission fees that are proposed for the beach front and splash pad.

Motion failed:

Yeas: Mayhue, Vaughn, Dillon – 3.

Nays: Wahlfield, Rolls, Parrish, Tanis, Hiddema, Voorhees, Agee, Mast, Vander Molen, Hennessy, Bulkowski, Klein, Chair Morgan – 13.

Motion by Commissioner Bulkowski, seconded by Commissioner Dillon, to amend the resolution by eliminating the fee structure and only have a \$1.00 fee for the splash pad.

Motion failed by voice vote.

Original motion to adopt resolution 2-8-07-17 carried:

Yeas: Wahlfield, Rolls, Parrish, Tanis, Hiddema, Voorhees, Agee, Mast, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Klein, Chair Morgan – 12.

Nays: Hennessy, Bulkowski, Mayhue, Dillon - 4.

### **REPORTS**

#### **Sports Commission**

Commissioner Vander Molen announced that the Sports Commission will hold its inaugural meeting in one week.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **Walk for Warmth & Black History Month**

Commissioner Vaughn reminded Commissioners that not only is February Keep Kent County Warm Month, but also Black History Month.

#### **Republican State Convention**

Commissioner Agee announced that the Republican State Convention will be held in Grand Rapids this weekend and invited Commissioners, regardless of party affiliation, to attend.

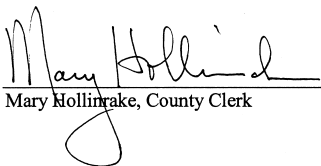
#### **Warm Clothing Distribution**

Commissioner Mayhue said that he along with other church members distributed coats and blankets to persons in need this past weekend. He reminded everyone that there are those in need and asked people to give if they can.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:22 a.m., Commissioner Agee moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, February 22, 2007, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 8:30 a.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Klein. Motion carried.

  
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Roger C. Morgan, Chair

  
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Mary Hollinake, County Clerk

# PROCEEDINGS

of the  
**Kent County Board of Commissioners**  
**February 22, 2007 – Regular Meeting**

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

**Present:** Commissioners Agee, Boelema, Bulkowski, Dillon, Hennessy, Hiddema, Klein, Mast, Mayhue, Morgan, Parrish, Rolls, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Vonk, Voorhees, Wahlfield - 17.

**Absent:** Morren, Tanis – 2 (Excused).

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

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

## **SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

### **Kent County Update**

Chair Morgan, along with Vice Chair (Chair of the Finance Committee) Dick Vander Molen and Commissioner Agee, Chair of the Legislative Committee, presented an update on Board of Commission 2006 accomplishments and 2007 priorities.

Chair Morgan reviewed major accomplishments of 2006: 1) Creation of the West Michigan Sports Commission; 2) agreement on a new Department of Human Services (DHS) facility; 3) County Dispatch Authority; 4) Dedication of Wahlfield Park and Millennium Park's updated master plan; 5) new Circuit Court judgeship; and 6) County Services Report.

Vice Chair Vander Molen reviewed topics facing the Finance Committee: 1) Corrections and Detention Millage renewal; 2) Revenue Sharing now and the future; 3) Hotel/Motel Tax Fund; 3) Building Task Force's continued improvement to county facilities including new DHS building and the Fuller Campus renovations; 4) Medical Examiner Review Team report; and, 5) 2008 Budget.

Commissioner Agee reviewed 2006 legislative accomplishments: 1) corrected technical issue with the Hotel/Motel Tax; 2) counties now have the option to change fiscal year; and, 3) counties may increase road commission boards from 3 members to 5. He added that 2007 will be a challenging year as the budget outlook for the state looks dim.

Legislative issues for 2007: 1) inmate medical expenses; 2) consolidation of government services; 3) State Convention Facility Development Act; 4) telecommunications 911 surcharge; 5) TIFAs, Brownfields, DDAs – opt out provisions; 6) DHS Board – allow board size to increase from 3 to 5 members.

The Legislative Committee will also continue to monitor performance measures for county departments.

Chair Morgan recognized the County's staff for their work and thanked Commissioners Vander Molen and Agee for their reports.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- a) Approval of the Minutes of February 8, 2007 Meeting
- b) February 6, 2007 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes  
(Reports of Claims and Allowances)
- c) Resolutions:

**2-22-07-18 – LABOR AGREEMENT – TEAMSTERS – PARKS / HUMAN RESOURCES**

WHEREAS, the Negotiating Committee recommends approval of a three-year labor contract for the period 1/1/2006 through 12/31/2008 with the Teamsters bargaining unit representing the Parks; and

WHEREAS, the wage increase for 2006 is 2.75%, which is comparable to that for other bargaining units; and

WHEREAS, the wage increase is 2.75% for 2007 and for 2008; and

WHEREAS, the employees share of the premium cost for medical and prescription coverage is increased to 10%, comparable to that for other employee groups effective 12/01/06; and

WHEREAS, the total addition to base salary costs over the life of the contract is \$124,884 and the net addition to total benefit costs is \$24,610; and

WHEREAS, the total three-year increase to salary and benefit costs is \$149,494; and

WHEREAS, total annual base wages including the 2.75% per year increases will rise to approximately \$868,000; and

WHEREAS, the contract affects 17 full-time employees who work at Kent County Parks and the proposed contract has been ratified by the membership.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approves the three-year labor agreement for the period of January 1, 2006, through December 31, 2008, between the County of Kent and the Teamsters representing Local 214 (Parks); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners approves the appropriation of an additional \$24,700 from the Unreserved/Undesignated General Fund balance to the 2007 Parks budget for 2006 contract expenses paid in 2007.

**2-22-07-19 – GRANT OF EASEMENT TO MICHCON / JOHN BALL ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS**

WHEREAS, pursuant to County Board's approval, John Ball Zoological Society (JBZ) provided for a new service drive at the rear of the John Ball Zoological Garden (Zoo). The new road has facilitated construction of new exhibits and the ability to service the Zoo from the back rather than requiring trucks to drive through visitor areas; and

WHEREAS, the construction of the new road required MichCon to relocate a major gas main pipeline that existed on a prior easement, granted by the County to MichCon under the Right-of-Way agreement dated August 1, 1962. The Zoo agrees to provide MichCon with a new 20 feet wide easement on County property bearing parcel number 41-13-26-301-001 reflecting the movement of the pipeline; and

WHEREAS, Corporate Counsel has reviewed and approved execution of the easement agreement and the release.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approves the grant of gas main easement to Michigan Consolidated Gas Company (MichCon) and accepts release of right-of-way from MichCon; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Chair and the Clerk, or Vice-Chair or Deputy Clerk, in their absence, are hereby authorized and directed to execute the said easement agreement.

**2-22-07-20 – GRANT OF EASEMENT TO MICHCON / PARKS**

WHEREAS, Michigan Consolidated Gas Company (MichCon) desires to construct a pipeline for transportation of gas, oil, or other substances in, under and across property owned by the County in Byron Township, along Kent Trails; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish the said construction, MichCon has requested a 10 feet wide easement on County's property bearing parcel number 41-21-04-503-002; and

WHEREAS, MichCon has negotiated the terms of the easement agreement with the Parks Department. Under the agreement, MichCon assumes all obligations associated with the use and maintenance of the gas pipeline, and has agreed to provide legally sufficient indemnification to the County for any claims and liabilities that may arise out of the use of the easement; and

WHEREAS, MichCon has also agreed to pay the County a sum of One Thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars for the repaving of the affected section of Kent Trails necessitated by the construction of the gas pipeline; and

WHEREAS, the Parks Department is agreeable to the terms of the easement agreement with MichCon; and

WHEREAS, the easement agreement has been approved by Corporate Counsel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves the grant of easement to MichCon; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Chair and the Clerk, or Vice-Chair or Deputy Clerk, in their absence, are hereby authorized and directed to execute the easement agreement.

**2-22-07-21 – PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS – EDUCATIONAL GRANT / KENT / MSU COOPERATIVE EXTENSION**

WHEREAS, Kent/MSU Cooperative Extension has received a grant in the amount of \$2,438 from the American Farmland Trust awarded through the Agricultural Preserve Boards of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the grant requires a 25 percent local match in the amount of \$812 which will be provided by the Citizens for Kent County Farmland and Open Space Preservation; and

WHEREAS, the grant will be used to provide Purchase of Development Rights education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners accepts a grant from the Agricultural Preserve Boards of Michigan and appropriates \$3,250 to the Kent County Agricultural Preservation Fund.

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

#### **2-22-07-22 – FEE ADJUSTMENTS / COUNTY CLERK/REGISTER OF DEEDS**

WHEREAS, as required by Fiscal Policy "Fees & Charges," departments are to review fees annually and to recommend changes to the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, most of the fees charged in the Clerk/Registers Office are set by statute; and

WHEREAS, their request is to increase two fees, approve one new fee, and approve one existing fee; and

WHEREAS, MCL 551.103(a) now allows the Board of Commissioners to set a fee for waiving the 3-day waiting period for a marriage license; and

WHEREAS, MCL 55.285 allows a charge of up to \$10 for notarizing documents which would only be charged when notarizing documents not being filed with the County and allows a charge of up to \$10 for certifying that someone is a notary; and

WHEREAS, one fee denoted with asterisks is currently being charged, but there is no formal evidence of Board of Commissioners' approval; and

WHEREAS, the County Clerk estimates an increase in revenue of at least \$2,800 annually; and

WHEREAS, the Clerk recommends that any approved fee increases take effect March 1, 2007.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves the fee schedule (attached) for the Clerk/Register of Deeds' Office.

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

#### **2-22-07-23 – BYRON TOWNSHIP PROPOSED DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY DISTRICT AMENDMENT / FISCAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Byron Township 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 by Byron Township on January 22, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Kent County annually contributes over \$6 million of its tax levy in the form of either tax payment or tax capture by all taxing increment authority districts, to support economic development initiatives, which represents 5.8% of the County's tax levy; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment will result in an increase of the County's tax levy being captured by the Byron Township 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 197, P.A. of 1975, 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 Byron Township Downtown Development Authority District by the proposed boundary amendment, which was the subject of the public hearing held on January 22, 2007; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Clerk of Byron Township, as required by Act 197, P.A. of 1975, as amended.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Klein, Dillon, Vaughn, Mayhue, Bulkowski, Hennessy, Vander Molen, Mast, Agee, Boelema, Hiddema, Parrish, Rolls, Wahlfield, Vonk, Chair Morgan – 16.

Nays: Voorhees - 1.

**2-22-07-24 – PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS SELECTION  
CRITERIA AND APPLICATION CYCLE FOR 2007 / KENT /  
MSU COOPERATIVE 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 Agricultural Preservation Board has prepared 2007 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, unchanged from 2006, continue to focus on preservation efforts in areas with large blocks of agricultural land and consider factors such as soil type, parcel size, proximity to sewer and water, and proximity to other public or preserved land; 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 2007 and for the federal program in March 2008. It is recommended that the County application cycle be from March 1 – April 30, 2007 to allow sufficient time to score and appraise priority properties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves the 2007 Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) selection criteria and authorizes the application cycle of March 1 – April 30, 2007, for the 2007/08 Michigan Agricultural Reserve Fund grant application submission and 2007 USDA NRCS Federal Farm & Ranch Land Program grant application submission.

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

**2-22-07-25 – KENT INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT PARTNERSHIP –  
“GREEN SCHOOLS” CERTIFICATION PROGRAM /  
ADMINISTRATOR’S OFFICE**

WHEREAS, Public Act 146 of 2006 provides opportunity for schools across Michigan to demonstrate their efforts to both conserve energy and provided environmental education for students through a “Green Schools” certification program; and

WHEREAS, Act 146 requires counties designate a department or intermediate school district to administer the certification program. Many school districts within the Kent Intermediate School District (Kent ISD) have implemented significant energy conservation programs to reduce their use of fossil fuels. Most also include energy awareness and environmental education as an integral component of their curriculum; and

WHEREAS, Kent ISD has requested to work in partnership with Kent County to implement and administer programs to recognize the important conservation and education efforts made by the schools; and

WHEREAS, Kent ISD will be responsible for verifying the conservation and curriculum efforts identified by the school teachers and administrators who apply for certification; and

WHEREAS, the County will recognize those schools obtaining “Green School” status once a year. This partnership will serve a valuable purpose in furthering the environmental education of our children and our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve a partnership with the Kent Intermediate School District for implementation and administration of the “Green Schools” certification program.

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

**APPOINTMENT**

**2008 Budget Sub-Committee**

Chair Morgan announced the formation of the 2008 Budget Sub-Committee: Vice Chair Vander Molen (Chair) and Commissioners Agee, Boelema, Hiddema, Klein and Voorhees.

**REPORTS**

**Standing Rules**

Commissioner Klein announced that the Standing Rules Sub-Committee will meet next Tuesday after the Legislative & Human Resources Committee Meeting.

**Sports Commission**

Commissioner Vander Molen reported that the Sports Commission held its first meeting last Thursday. The work ahead includes completing the appointments



and creating a fiscal framework. The logo was decided on and will be revealed at a later date.

**63<sup>rd</sup> District Court**

Commissioner Wahlfeld reported that they hope to complete the purchase of the property for the 63<sup>rd</sup> District Court building in the next 30 days.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**Correctional Facility Open House**

Commissioner Wahlfeld announced that the open house for the Correctional Facility – Mental Health Unit will be held today.

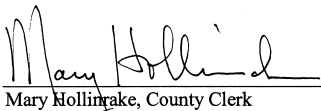
**County Directory**

Clerk Hollinrake reported that each Commissioner received a 2007-08 Kent County Directory and additional copies are available through her office. And, that Administrative Assistant Kim Stout deserves credit for the directory.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:05 a.m., Commissioner Vander Molen moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, March 8, 2007, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 7:00 p.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Klein. Motion carried.

  
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Roger C. Morgan, Chair

  
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Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk

# PROCEEDINGS

of the  
**Kent County Board of Commissioners**  
**March 8, 2007 – Regular Meeting**

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

**Present:** Commissioners Agee, Boelema, Bulkowski, Dillon, Hennessy, Hiddema, Klein, Mast, Mayhue, Rolls, Tanis, Vaughn, Vonk, Voorhees, Wahlfield, Chair Morgan - 16.

**Absent:** Morren, Parrish, Vander Molen – 3 (Excused).

**Invocation:** Commissioner Mast introduced Jerry Zandstra, who gave the invocation.  
The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Scott Atchison, 2251 South Saulk Trail, Grand Rapids – He, again, expressed his desire for a Visitors and Information Center in Grand Rapids.

### **SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

#### **Local Emergency Planning Committee Annual Report**

Deborah Alderink, Chair, Kent County LEPC, gave the 2006 Annual Report (copy of which is on file in the Office of the County Clerk). The report's highlights include: 1) LEPC's 8 new offsite response plans and 227 revised plans; 2) the emergency exercise held on May 11, 2006, with the simulated release of anhydrous ammonia; 3) an industry workshop was held in November, "Agri-Terrorism Workshop and Tabletop Exercise; 4) LEPC also became the Citizen Corp Council, which will oversee the activities of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program; 5) LEPC will work more closely with the Grand Rapids LEPC by having back-to-back meetings that members may attend both if so desire; and, 6) LEPC provides the public with information regarding SARA Title III, Kent County LEPC activities, and educational materials can be found on the web at [www.accesskent.com/lepc](http://www.accesskent.com/lepc).

The Chair also discussed the 2007 Kent County LEPC Work Plan (copy of which is on file in the Office of the County Clerk), which includes:

- I. Emergency Plan Development and Maintenance
- II. Disaster Exercise
- III. Community Awareness
- IV. Industry Education
- V. General Administration

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a) Approval of the Minutes of February 22, 2007 Meeting
- b) February 20, 2007 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes  
(Reports of Claims and Allowances)

c) Resolutions:

**3-08-07-26 – BUDGET AMENDMENT – CIRCUIT COURT FAMILY  
DIVISION COMMUNITY PROBATION PROGRAM / CIRCUIT  
COURT FAMILY DIVISION**

WHEREAS, the Community Probation Program works with delinquent court wards ordered to probation by the Family Division Judges; and

WHEREAS, the Circuit Court Family Division's Community Probation Program is funded by the County's General Fund and supported by an equal match from the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the Community Probation Program received a commitment for a \$4,500 donation from the Kent County Citizens' Advisory Council and a \$1,000 donation from the Kent County Medical Society Alliance to match with State funds for a summer work program for high risk juveniles; and

WHEREAS, the Circuit Court Family Division requested an additional \$11,000 in funds be appropriated to their FY 2007 budget for future utilization.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approves an additional appropriation of \$11,000 to the Circuit Court Family Division's Community Probation program in the FY 2007 Child Care Fund.

**3-08-07-27 – BUDGET AMENDMENT – CIRCUIT COURT FAMILY  
DIVISION COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE  
PROGRAM (CASA) / CIRCUIT COURT FAMILY DIVISION**

WHEREAS, the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program utilizes specially trained volunteers appointed by a Judge to advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children in child protective proceedings. The role of the advocate, as an independent voice for the children, is to investigate, monitor and facilitate on behalf of children until they are in a safe, permanent home and the Court discharges the case; and

WHEREAS, the Circuit Court Family Division's CASA program is funded by the County's General Fund and donations from various organizations, supported by an equal match from the State of Michigan on both sources of revenue; and

WHEREAS, the CASA program received an unanticipated, \$4,000 donation from a private source and will receive an additional \$4,000 match from the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the Circuit Court Family Division requested and additional \$8,000 in funds be appropriated to their FY 2007 budget for future utilization.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approves an additional appropriation of \$8,000 to the Circuit Court Family Division's CASA program in the FY 2007 Childcare Fund.

**3-08-07-28 – GRANT OF EASEMENT TO CONSUMERS ENERGY  
COMPANY / PUBLIC WORKS**

WHEREAS, Consumers Energy Company has requested the Department of Public Works for an easement to anchor guy-wires to be located on the Waste-To-Energy facility site just off the southeast corner of the intersection of Market and Freeman Avenues. The easement is required in connection with the construction of a new 46 KV overhead power line to be located along the Market Avenue right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, Consumers Energy Company has agreed to pay the County a sum of Five Hundred (\$500) dollars as agreed-on

compensation for the easement before anchoring the guy-wires to the ground; and

WHEREAS, Consumers Energy Company assumes all obligations associated with the use and maintenance of the guy-wire, and agrees to indemnify the County for any damages to property or persons; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works staff has reviewed the request and has determined that the grant of the easement will not adversely affect the operation or maintenance of the Waste-To-Energy facility; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Public Works has approved the grant of easement at its March 1, 2007, meeting; and

WHEREAS, the easement agreement has been reviewed and approved by Corporate Counsel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approves the grant of easement to Consumers Energy Company; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chair and the Clerk, or Vice-Chair or deputy clerk, in their absence, are hereby authorized and directed to execute the easement agreement.

**3-08-07-29 – DELINQUENT 2006 REAL PROPERTY TAXES / AUTHORIZE  
ISSUANCE OF "GENERAL OBLIGATION LIMITED TAX  
NOTES, SERIES 2007" / TREASURER'S OFFICE**

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 2006 delinquent real property taxes (the "delinquent taxes") outstanding on March 1, 2007, will be approximately \$30,000,000, 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**

1. 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 Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000) and issue its notes (the "notes") therefor for the purpose of continuing the Fund for the 2006 tax year. The exact amount to be borrowed shall not exceed the amount of delinquent taxes outstanding on March 1, 2007, exclusive of interest, fees and penalties. The County Treasurer shall designate the exact amount to be borrowed after the amount of the 2006

delinquent taxes outstanding on March 1, 2007, or the portion of the 2006 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 2007"; 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 "2007 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, 2007, in accordance with the provisions of Act 206.

#### **2007 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, 2007, 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 "2007 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 2007 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 2007 Collection Account and the 2007 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 2007 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 2007 Collection Account and the 2007 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 2007 Collection Account**

10. Upon the investment of moneys in the 2007 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 2007 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.

#### **3-08-07-30 – LIQUOR TAX – INTERGOVERNMENTAL BUDGET AMENDMENT / 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 2006, the County anticipated receipts of \$2,898,806 and appropriated 50% or \$1,449,403 for payment to Network 180 for substance abuse treatment; and

WHEREAS, for FY 2006, the County received \$3,193,611. Fifty percent, or \$1,596,806 which shall be distributed to Network 180 for substance abuse treatment; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the unanticipated Liquor Tax receipts, an additional \$147,403 is required for distribution to Network 180.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approves the appropriation of an additional \$147,403 from the Michigan Department of Treasury to the Intergovernmental Budget in the General Fund for Substance Abuse Treatment being provided by Network 180.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Agee, Boelema, Bulkowski, Dillon, Hennessy, Hidaka, Klein, Mast, Mayhue, Rolls, Tanis, Vaughn, Vonk, Voorhees, Wahlfield, Chair Morgan – 16.  
Nays: 0.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

#### **3-08-07-31 – GENERAL FUND ADVANCE TO KENT COUNTY BUILDING AUTHORITY / FISCAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, on November 16 2006, the Board of Commissioners approved a lease contract with the Kent County Building Authority that provided for the issuance of bonds and construction of a Human Services Facility for lease to Kent County; and

WHEREAS, the County had previously entered an option agreement with the City of Grand Rapids whereby the County will acquire land comprising the site of this Human Services Facility; and

WHEREAS, the sale of the bonds/closing cannot occur until such time as there is a date certain for closing on purchase of the property; and

WHEREAS, the Kent County Building Authority has begun incurring limited project related expenses, which must be paid prior to closing on the sale of the bonds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners authorizes the advance of up to \$50,000 from the General Fund – Fund Balance account entitled “Unreserved/Undesignated” for the purpose of providing for the cash flow requirements of the Kent County Building Authority pending sale/closing on a pending bond issuance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such advance is to be repaid not later than one business day after closing on the pending Authority bond issuance.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Agee, Boelema, Bulkowski, Dillon, Hennessy, Hiddema, Klein, Mast, Mayhue, Rolls, Tanis, Vaughn, Vonk, Voorhees, Wahlfield, Chair Morgan – 16.  
Nays: 0.

#### **3-08-07-32 – GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP – PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY / FISCAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, Grand Rapids Charter Township has proposed to adopt a Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan for it's Corridor Improvement Authority-Tax Increment Financing District; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the proposed plan was held by Grand Rapids Charter Township on February 20, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Kent County annually 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, adoption and implementation of the proposed plan will result in a portion of the County's tax levy being captured by the Grand Rapids Charter Township Corridor Improvement Authority; and

WHEREAS, the County of Kent is required to assess the impact on the County's financial condition, which would result from adoption of this Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan; and

WHEREAS, Act 280, P.A. of 2005, as amended, provides that not more than sixty days after a public hearing on the plan, 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 option, pursuant to the provisions of Act 280, P.A. of 2005, as amended, to exempt its property taxes from capture in the area to be established as the Grand Rapids Charter Township Corridor Improvement Authority-Tax Increment Financing District by the proposed plan, which was the subject of the public hearing held on February 20, 2007; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Clerk of Grand Rapids Charter Township, as required by Act 280, P.A. of 2005, as amended.

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

**3-08-07-33 – PLAINFIELD CHARTER TOWNSHIP – PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY / FISCAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, Plainfield Charter Township has proposed to adopt a Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan for its Corridor Improvement Authority-Tax Increment Financing District; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the proposed plan was held by Plainfield Charter Township on February 26, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Kent County annually 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, adoption and implementation of the proposed plan will result in a portion of the County's tax levy being captured by the Plainfield Charter Township Corridor Improvement Authority; and

WHEREAS, the County of Kent is required to assess the impact on the County's financial condition, which would result from adoption of this Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan; and

WHEREAS, Act 280, P.A. of 2005, as amended, provides that not more than sixty days after a public hearing on the plan, 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 option, pursuant to the provisions of Act 280, P.A. of 2005, as amended, to exempt its property taxes from capture in the area to be established as the Plainfield Charter Township Corridor Improvement Authority-Tax Increment Financing District by the proposed plan, which was the subject of the public hearing held on February 26, 2007; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Clerk of Plainfield Charter Township, as required by Act 280, P.A. of 2005, as amended.

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

**REPORTS**

**Standing Rules**

Commissioner Klein announced that the Standing Rules Sub-Committee will present its recommendations to the Legislative & Human Resources Committee soon.

**63<sup>rd</sup> District Court**

Commissioner Wahlfield reported that progress is being made with Waste Management and utility easements and they hope to complete the purchase of the property by the end of the month.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

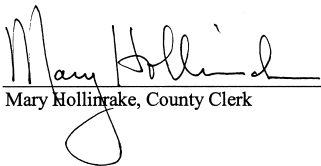
**Health Department Jobs**

Commissioner Dillon reported that the Delta Strategy Report is troubling with regard to the infant mortality rate and is cause for concern as cuts at the Health Department are being made. Hopefully, this issue can be revisited.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:38 p.m., Commissioner Mast moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, April 12, 2007, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 8:30 a.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Klein. Motion carried.

  
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Roger C. Morgan, Chair

  
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Mary Hollinake, County Clerk

# PROCEEDINGS

## of the Kent County Board of Commissioners April 12, 2007 – Regular Meeting

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

**Present:** Commissioners Agee, Boelema, Bulkowski, Dillon, Hennessy, Hiddema, Klein, Mast, Mayhue, Morren, Parrish, Rolls, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Vonk, Wahlfield, Chair Morgan - 17.

**Absent:** Rolls, Voorhees – 2 (Excused).

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

### PUBLIC COMMENT

- 1 Ed Mayer, Ice Cream Shop Owner, Grand Rapids – His recent Health Department license fee went from \$95 to \$427. Complained about the uneven increase for various food businesses, and that now license fees are the same regardless of the size of the business.
- 2 David Brouwer, Restaurant Owner – Remarked on the unfairness of the increase in the Health Department license fee when it went to a flat fee. His fee went from \$254 to \$427, a 66% increase and with the flat fee; some larger businesses' fees went down.
- 3 Diana Sieger, President – Grand Rapids Community Foundation – Thanked the County for its support of the child abuse and neglect prevention initiative. In 1992, the Grand Rapids Community Foundation conducted a study on child abuse & neglect entitled "Perspective 21" which resulted in a multi-organization collaborative that still exists today.
- 4 Paul Ippel, Director of Network 180 – He echoed Ms. Sieger's comments and how important helping children is for their families' futures. He is very proud of the collaborative efforts in Kent County to attack these problems, and thanked the Board for its support.
- 5 John Lombardo, Restaurant Owner – He, too, complained of the recent food service license fee increase. He paid \$95 last year and now pays \$427. With a six month business, he thinks that this increase is totally out of line.

### SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

#### **Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation**

Commissioner Jack Boelema read a proclamation from the Board of Commission announcing that April is Child Abuse Prevention Month in Kent County.

Greg Hughes, Board Chair of the Child & Family Resource Council and Candace Cowling, Executive Director of the Child & Family Resource Council, thanked the

Board of Commissioners for recognizing the importance of prevention and neglect in our community. Mr. Hughes stated that 85% of abuse and neglect can be prevented.

**Treasurer's Annual Investment Report**

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

**Prevention Initiative Update – Constella Group**

Assistant Administrator Wayman Britt introduced the Constella Group, hired to evaluate and analyze Kent County's prevention initiative. Dr. Julie Marks, from the Constella Group, reported on their findings (copy of which is on file in the Office of the County Clerk). This analysis will help Kent County further develop, monitor and evaluate the long term outcomes of the various programs.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- a) Approval of the Minutes of March 8, 2007 Meeting
- b) March 6, 20 & 29, 2007 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes (Reports of Claims and Allowances)
- c) Treasurer – Unknown Legatee Account
- d) Treasurer – Cemetery Trust Fund
- e) Drain Commissioner Report – Receive & File
- f) Resolutions:

**4-12-07-34 – FAMILIES IN TOUCH / HEALTHY KIDS – HEALTHY FAMILIES GRANT BUDGET AMENDMENT / KENT / MSU COOPERATIVE EXTENSION**

WHEREAS, the Families in Touch Grant, in partnership with Spectrum Health, provides education for underserved Kent County families with school-age children. Educational programming opportunities include parenting, money management and nutrition education to improve overall family health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, the Families in Touch Grant, which ended in July of 2006, has an available cash balance of \$12,204 and an available budget balance of \$10,593; and

WHEREAS, Spectrum Health has given the Cooperative Extension permission to reprogram the available funds to another grant project supported by Spectrum Health; and

WHEREAS, the Cooperative Extension is requesting an additional appropriation of \$1,611 to the Families in Touch Grant so the entire cash balance can be reprogrammed to the Healthy Kids - Healthy Families Grant and an appropriation of \$12,204 to the Healthy Kids – Health Families Grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves the appropriation \$1,611 to the Families in Touch Grant from its cash reserves in the Special Project Fund; and \$12,204 to the Healthy Kids - Healthy Families Grant in the Special Project Fund from reprogrammed Families in Touch Grant funds.

**4-12-07-35 – ACCEPT A 2006 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, the fiduciary of the grant funds will be West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission (WMSRDC) "Region 6" group made up of 13 counties; and

WHEREAS, the Region 6 Homeland Security Board shall determine what type of equipment will be purchased and who shall receive it; and

WHEREAS, if approved, the County will enter into an Agreement with WMSRDC; and

WHEREAS, WMSRDC shall purchase all equipment and transfer title to appropriate unit of government consistent with the terms of the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to that Agreement the County will also receive funding (\$80,000) to pay for a Regional Planner, an existing position, and (\$42,997) for contractual services and program expense; and

WHEREAS, the grant period is January 1, 2007, to December 31, 2007.

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 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 hereby appropriates \$122,997 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.

**4-12-07-36 – APPOINTMENT TO BYRON TOWNSHIP LOCAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY / BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, the Township Board of the Township of Byron has established a Local Development Finance Authority pursuant to Act 281 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1986 ("Act 281"); and

WHEREAS, the Kent County Board of Commissioners is required by Act 281 to appoint one of its members to the Authority for a four year term; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Harold Voorhees has expressed his willingness to be appointed to the Byron Township Local Development Finance Authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Harold Voorhees is hereby appointed to the Byron Township Local Development Finance Authority for a term expiring on April 1, 2011.



**4-12-07-37 – APPOINTMENT TO GAINES TOWNSHIP LOCAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY / BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Gaines has established a Local Development Finance Authority pursuant to Act 281 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1986 ("Act 281"); and

WHEREAS, the Kent County Board of Commissioners is required by Act 281 to appoint one of its members to the Authority for a four year term; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner David Morren has expressed his willingness to be appointed to the Gaines Charter Township Local Development Finance Authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that David Morren is hereby appointed to the Gaines Charter Township Local Development Finance Authority for a term expiring on April 1, 2011.

**4-12-17-38 – STANDING RULES / BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, the Standing Rules were adopted by the Board of Commissioners on April 14, 2005; and

WHEREAS, the Board is required to adopt the Standing Rules no later than the second meeting in April of each odd-numbered year; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners' Standing Rules Subcommittee reviewed the Standing Rules with suggestions and changes being solicited from all Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Standing Rules are a result of Commissioners' input and routine language reviewed by Corporate Counsel.

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

**4-12-07-39 – SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS CONTRACT FOR KENT CITY, NORTHVIEW, AND FOREST HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICTS / SHERIFF**

WHEREAS, the Sheriff Department, as part of a Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) in Schools grant from the federal government, has provided a total of four school resources officers to the Kent City (Village & Tyrone Township), Northview, and Forest Hills School Districts since FY2003; and

WHEREAS, the COPS in Schools grant ended in February 2007, and this request will allow the program to continue through 2007; and

WHEREAS, as with the grant, the school districts will reimburse the County for costs (wages, benefits, and vehicle) associated with providing an officer (estimated to be \$85,207/officer) to the district; and

WHEREAS, the contract period is January 1, 2007, to December 31, 2007.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approve the Sheriff's request to enter into a contract with Kent City (Village & Tyrone Township), Northview, and Forest Hills School Districts for the provision of a school resources officer; and

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Board Chair, or Board Vice-Chair in his absence, to sign all agreements.

(Commissioner Hiddema requested that Item d) – Cemetery Trust Fund - be removed from the consent agenda.)

Motion by Commissioner Bulkowski, seconded by Commissioner Klein, to approve the remaining consent agenda items.

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

d) Treasurer – Cemetery Trust Fund

Motion by Commissioner Bulkowski, seconded by Commissioner Wahlfield, that the Cemetery Trust Fund be adopted.

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

#### **4-12-07-40 – PAUL I. PHILLIPS RECREATION CENTER LEASE RENEWAL / FACILITIES MANAGEMENT / BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, the County has leased the Paul I. Phillips Recreation Center to the City since 1974 for \$1 annually. The City staffs and provides recreational opportunities to all ages of residents in Grand Rapids and Kent County. Over 30,000 visitors annually enjoy basketball, volleyball, table tennis, fitness activities, weight lifting, game rooms, exercise bikes, treadmills and elliptical trainer at the Center; and

WHEREAS, in 1999, the Board of Commissioners adopted the Facilities Use Policy, which requires that lessee's pay for costs associated with maintenance of a facility. In March 2003 and July 2005, the County extended the lease and approved the request by the City of Grand Rapids to grant a waiver of the costs to operate and maintain the facility, noting that "Any new lease negotiated by the parties shall include a provision requiring Lessee to pay for its proportionate share of the costs and expenses (Operating Costs) incurred by Lessor in connection with the operation of the property including the Premises."; and

WHEREAS, the City has formally requested to continue to waive the operating costs, as it did in 2002, to be able to use the Paul I. Phillips Center as it has since 1974; and

WHEREAS, since the County will relocate the Consolidated Human Services Building in 2009, it is being recommended that the County enter into a two-year lease with the City beginning July 1, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the majority of users of the facility are residents of the City of Grand Rapids and County staff is recommending that the City be required to pay one-half the cost of operating and maintaining the facility; and

WHEREAS, the proposed lease provides when a new lease is executed, it will comply with the requirements of the County that the lessee pay for its prorated share of costs and expenses incurred in connection with the operation of the property; and

WHEREAS, Corporate Counsel has prepared and approved the proposed lease.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approve the renewal of a lease between the

County and the City of Grand Rapids for the Paul I. Phillips Recreation Center, beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2009; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Board Chair, or his designee to execute the lease agreement.

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

Motion by Commissioner Mayhue, seconded by Commissioner Vaughn, that the resolution be tabled for 2 weeks.

Motion failed:

Yeas: Vaughn, Mayhue, Mast, Hennessy, Dillon, Bulkowski – 6.

Nays: Wahlfield, Vonk, Vander Molen, Tanis, Parrish, Morren, Klein, Hiddema, Boelema, Agee, Chair Morgan – 11.

Motion to adopt resolution carried:

Yeas: Wahlfield, Vonk, Vander Molen, Tanis, Parrish, Morren, Mast, Klein, Hiddema, Boelema, Agee, Chair Morgan – 12.

Nays: Vaughn, Mayhue, Hennessy, Dillon, Bulkowski – 5.

**4-12-07-41 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF  
A NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS –  
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT, SERIES 2007 / FISCAL  
SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners has agreed (a) to provide a new boiler room for the Community Re-entry Center building located in the Kent County Fuller Complex (the "Fuller Complex") at 1330 Bradford Street, N.E., in the City of Grand Rapids (the "City") consisting of two hot water boilers, a domestic water heater and storage tank, (b) to provide a new boiler room for the Health Department building located in the Fuller Complex at 700 Fuller Avenue, N.E., in the City consisting of two hot water boilers, a domestic water heater and storage tank, (c) to provide a new or renovated energy center, including all mechanical and electrical systems, for the Spectrum Health building located in the Fuller Complex at 750 Fuller Avenue, N.E., in the City, (d) to remodel the existing network180 building located in the Fuller Complex at 728 Fuller Avenue, N.E., in the City and add an approximately 27,000 square foot addition to such building, (e) to demolish the existing animal shelter facility and construct a new 22,000 to 25,000 square foot animal shelter facility in the Fuller Complex at 711 Ball Avenue, N.E., in the City, (f) to renovate the existing Fleet Services facility in the Fuller Complex at 701 Ball Avenue, N.E., in the City or construct a new Fleet Services facility elsewhere in the Fuller Complex (g) to provide upgrades and revisions to the main entrance to the Fuller Complex and to improve the primary circulation route between Fuller Avenue, N.E., and Ball Avenue, N.E., and provide additional and/or modified access to parking areas in the Fuller Complex, and (h) to construct a new approximately 40,000 square foot building on approximately 6 acres of property on the East Beltline, north of Four Mile Road in Plainfield Charter Township to be occupied by the 63rd Judicial District Court (collectively, the "Improvements").

WHEREAS, the total cost of the Improvements is estimated not to exceed \$24,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined to finance all or a portion of the costs of the Improvements through the issuance of capital improvements bonds (the "Bonds") pursuant to Act 34 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 2001, as amended, MCL 14.2101, et seq. ("Act 34"); and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to publish a notice of intent to issue bonds for the Bonds pursuant to Section 517 of Act 34; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to express its intent to reimburse itself the costs related to the Improvements from the proceeds of the Bonds.

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

1. That the County intends to pay for all or a part of the costs of the Improvements through the issuance of Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$22,000,000.
2. That a notice of intent to issue bonds for the Bonds shall be published in accordance with Section 517 of Act 34.
3. That the County Clerk is authorized and directed to publish the notice of intent to issue bonds in *The Grand Rapids Press*, a newspaper of general circulation in the County, which notice shall be in the form of Exhibit A attached hereto. Such notice shall be not less than one-quarter page in size in the newspaper.
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 Improvements and the costs related thereto in an amount not to exceed \$22,000,000 through the issuance of the Bonds.
5. That a copy of this resolution shall be available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, County Administration Building, 300 Monroe Avenue, N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan.
6. That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith shall be and the same are hereby rescinded.

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

## **REPORTS**

### **Public Works**

Commissioner Tanis recognized Doug Wood and staff at the Department of Public Works who, last year, received the Clean Corporate Citizen Award for the Waste-to-Energy plant, and this year the ISO 14,000 certification for the South Kent Landfill. Kent is one of a handful in the country to receive this type of certification.

### **Downtown Development Authority**

Commissioner Mayhue, as the DDA representative from the County, is pleased to see that the County is going back to the table with the DDA to talk about tax “captures” and economic development issues.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **Airport Work Session**

Commissioner Agee announced that the Airport held a work session yesterday on the proposed parking structure. Within the next 6 weeks, they will report to the Board.

**Health Fees**

Commissioner Tanis asked the Chair to look into the Health Department fees as they pertain to seasonal businesses. Chair Morgan said that he, Vice Chair Vander Molen and Administrator Delabbio would meet on this issue.

**City Parking Ramps**

Commissioner Vander Molen said that if the City of Grand Rapids sells its parking ramps, any County tax money diverted to the DDA through "captures" should come back to the County, or should go back to DDA and be spent for items earmarked for the DDA.

**Paul I. Phillips Building**

Commissioner Hennessy asked that the neighborhood brochure on the DHS building relocation be changed to reflect correctly the information on Paul I. Phillips Building.

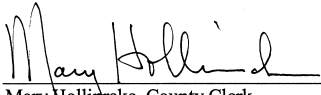
**Introduction**

Chair Morgan acknowledged City Commissioner Lumpkins in the audience.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:15 a.m., Commissioner Bulkowski moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, April 26, 2007, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 8:30 a.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Klein. Motion carried.

  
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Roger C. Morgan, Chair

  
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Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk

# PROCEEDINGS

## of the Kent County Board of Commissioners April 26, 2007 – Regular Meeting

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

**Present:** Commissioners Agee, Boelema, Bulkowski, Dillon, Hennessy, Hiddema, Klein, Mast, Mayhue, Morren, Parrish, Rolls, Tanis, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Vonk, Voorhees, Wahlfield, Chair Morgan - 19.

**Absent:** None.

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

### PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

### SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

#### GFOA Award

Bob White, Fiscal Services Director, presented to Chair Morgan the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Award for excellence in financial reporting. The County has received this award 17 out of the last 18 years.

#### Sports Commission Update

Commissioner Vander Molen updated the Board of Commissioners on the Sports Commission's progress:

- the 11-member Executive Committee has been selected;
- non-profit 501(c)(3) status filed;
- the creation and adoption of the by-laws;
- headquarters selected;
- an executive recruitment effort is underway with a decision to be made early summer;
- fundraising
- Sports & Properties, Inc. of North Carolina hired for a facility assessment to be completed by June 30<sup>th</sup>;
- logo and slogan "Year Round Sports Playground" chosen
- website ([www.westmichigansportscommission.com](http://www.westmichigansportscommission.com)) designed; and
- today 25 names are being recommended to serve on the Commission in addition to the Executive Committee, with 4 members yet to be appointed.

He concluded by saying that the Sports Commission should be operational this Fall.

### APPOINTMENTS

#### Board Chair Appointments – Sports Commission

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|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| 1) Marty Allen (2 yr. term) | Ford Foundation    |
| 2) Bob Becker (1 yr. term)  | Grand Rapids Press |

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| <b>3) Jennifer Belka (2 yr. term)</b>      | City of Grand Rapids Sports & Recreation   |
| <b>4) Scott Bernecker (2 yr. term)</b>     | Merrill Lynch Investment Advisor           |
| <b>5) James Buck (2 yr. term)</b>          | Grandville City Mayor                      |
| <b>6) Larry Chesner (1 yr. term)</b>       | Kent County Lodging Association            |
| <b>7) Chuck Cox (1 yr. term)</b>           | Northern Jet Management                    |
| <b>8) James Czanko (3 yr. term)</b>        | Pioneer Construction                       |
| <b>9) Jocelyn Dettlof (3 yr. term)</b>     | Disability Advocates of Kent County        |
| <b>10) Andrew DeVries (1 yr. term)</b>     | Calvin College                             |
| <b>11) Jack Doles (1 yr. term)</b>         | WOOD TV 8                                  |
| <b>12) David Doyle (1 yr term)</b>         | Grand Rapids Area Amateur Softball Assoc.  |
| <b>13) Darrin Duistermars (2 yr. term)</b> | Holland Charter Twp. Parks & Rec. Director |
| <b>14) Jeanne Englehart (3 yr. term)</b>   | Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce      |
| <b>15) David Grube (2 yr. term)</b>        | Cornerstone University                     |
| <b>16) Jim Haskins (2 yr. term)</b>        | OK Conference Commissioner                 |
| <b>17) Justin Hickey (2 yr. term)</b>      | Grand Rapids Gazelle's Rugby Club          |
| <b>18) David Hoogendorn (3 yr. term)</b>   | Ernst & Young, LLP                         |
| <b>19) Joey Josephs (1 yr. term)</b>       | Continental Communications                 |
| <b>20) Dan Koorndyk (3 yr. term)</b>       | State Farm Insurance                       |
| <b>21) Edwin Kornoelje (2 yr. term)</b>    | Metro Health - Sports Medicine             |
| <b>22) Richard MacKeigan (1 yr. term)</b>  | CAA/SMG                                    |
| <b>23) William Ryan (2 yr. term)</b>       | Ryan Marketing Group                       |
| <b>24) Tanya Tillman (2 yr. term)</b>      | Grand Rapids Sports Hall of Fame Member    |
| <b>25) Herschel Turner (3 yr. term)</b>    | WEMCAT                                     |

Motion by Commissioner Vander Molen, seconded by Commissioner Voorhees, to adopt the Board Chair appointments to the Sports Commission.  
Motion carried by voice vote.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a) Approval of the Minutes of April 12, 2007 Meeting
- b) April 17, 2007 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes (Reports of Claims and Allowances)
- c) Resolutions:

#### **4-26-07-42 – BUDGET AMENDMENT – FUNDING FOR LEAD HAZARD CONTROL PROGRAM / HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the Health Department has received notice that additional grant funds of \$32,000 are available from the City of Grand Rapids to extend the Lead Hazard Control Grant for six months, from April 1, 2007 through September 30, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Health Department, through the Lead Hazard Control Grant, provides professional case-work services to individuals and/or families eligible for the program. These services include providing referrals, conducting dust sampling to determine at-risk households, assisting clients in completing the Lead Hazard Reduction Applications, and locating off-site housing for families during lead remediation. In addition, the Health

Department is responsible for generating public awareness of the Lead Hazard Control Program by providing educational classes; and

WHEREAS, the original 42 month grant cycle ended March 31, 2007. The City of Grand Rapids is providing additional funding to extend an existing Social Worker I position within the Health Department through September 30, 2007. The City of Grand Rapids is applying for continuation funding through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that, if approved, would provide funding to the Health Department for fiscal year 2007-2008; and

WHEREAS, in the event grant funding is eliminated or decreased, the Social Worker I 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 accept \$32,000 in funding from the City of Grand Rapids for the Lead Hazard Control program to extend funding for an existing 1.0 FTE Social Worker I position; and to appropriate an additional \$32,000 to the 2007 Health Department budget.

**4-26-07-43 – CHILD AND FAMILY RESOURCE COUNCIL GRANT FOR  
HEALTHY START INCREASE FAMILY HEALTH  
ASSESSOR POSITION FROM .5 FTE TO 1.0 FTE  
AND BUDGET AMENDMENT / HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the Health Department has received notice that \$22,611 in grant funds is available from the Child and Family Resource Council as part of its home-based Kent County Healthy Start Services program; and

WHEREAS, the Health Department, through the Healthy Start program, provides assessment services to women who are parents for the first time and reside in Kent County. Based on the completed assessment, Health Department staff determines the family's eligibility for community services that will best fit their needs; and

WHEREAS, the Health Department, through the Healthy Start program, provides assessment services to women who are parents for the first time and reside in Kent County. Based on the completed assessment, Health Department staff determines the family's eligibility for community services that will best fit their needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners accept \$22,611 in funding from the Child and Family Resource Council for Healthy Start Services and hereby appropriates an additional \$22,611 to the 2007 Health Department budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners approves increasing the .5 FTE Family Health Assessor to a 1.0 FTE Family Health Assessor; and

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

**4-26-07-44 – BUDGET AMENDMENT – MICHIGAN PUBLIC HEALTH  
INSTITUTE / HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the Health Department has received notice that grant funds of \$10,500 are available from the Michigan Public Health Institute (MPHI) through its contract with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation for the Multi-State Learning Collaborative II project for the period of March 1, 2007 through February 29, 2008; and

WHEREAS, as part of the grant process, the Michigan Accreditation Continuous Quality Improvement Collaborative (MACQIC) was



established and includes the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH), four Local Health Departments, MPHI, and two consultants ; and

WHEREAS, the Health Department will develop a continuous quality improvement (CQI) project within the context of Michigan's Local Public Health Accreditation Program. The project must apply the CQI Model recently developed in the Multi-State Learning Collaborative I, and apply the CQI model to the Powers and Duties section of accreditation. The Powers and Duties section of accreditation includes the administrative functions of the Health Department; and

WHEREAS, existing Health Department staff will be used to develop the CQI project, participate in training, develop an evaluation plan, participate in communications with the MACQIC project team, provide a final written report, and make a final presentation of the project and its outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the \$10,500 in funding will be used to support existing staff in the completion of the grant objectives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners accept \$10,500 in funding from the Multi-State Learning Collaborative II project from the Michigan Public Health Institute; and to appropriate an additional \$10,500 to the 2007 Health Department budget.

**4-26-07-45 – BUDGET AMENDMENT – WOMEN, INFANT AND CHILDREN (WIC) / HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the Health Department has received notice that the amount of funding per Women, Infant, and Children (WIC) participant has increased by \$4.00 for fiscal year 2007, raising the per participant amount from \$126 to \$130. This increase results in additional funding of \$76,320 for fiscal year 2007; 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 \$2,492,666 to \$2,568,986; and

WHEREAS, the \$76,320 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 accepts \$76,320 from the Michigan Department of Community Health for the WIC Programming.

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**4-26-07-46 – 2007 EQUALIZATION REPORT / EQUALIZATION**

WHEREAS, the Kent County Bureau of Equalization has completed its review of the 2007 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	\$	305,797,400
	Commercial		4,421,321,198
	Industrial		1,964,202,450
	Residential		15,791,563,476
	Developmental		0
	TOTAL REAL		22,482,884,524
Personal Property:	TOTAL PERSONAL		1,855,685,922
	GRAND TOTAL	\$	24,338,570,446

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 2007 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 Mast, seconded by Commissioner Klein, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Vonk, Wahlfield, Rolls, Parrish, Tanis, Hiddema, Boelesa, Voorhees, Morren, Agee, Mast, Vander Molen, Hennessy, Bulkowski, Mayhue, Vaughn, Dillon, Klein, Chair Morgan – 19.

Nays: 0.

**4-26-07-47 – REVISIONS TO THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT LAB 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, the Michigan State Laboratory recently notified the four regional labs that it would discontinue providing the reagents and support necessary to provide the Chlamydia only and the Chlamydia/Gonorrhea laboratory tests. In fact, the State is now proposing to charge its costs back to the four regional labs. As a result, the Health Department must increase the fees it charges for these tests in order to cover the costs of providing these services; and

WHEREAS, each of the four regional laboratories performed a cost analysis and from this analysis the proposed fee was established. It is important that the four regional labs charge the same fee in order to prevent fee competitiveness between them; and

WHEREAS, the fee changes proposed for the Health Department will generate an additional \$48,341 of revenue in FY2007.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve amendments to the Health Department's fee schedule effective May 15, 2007.

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: Mayhue – 1.

Absent from room: Voorhees – 1.

**4-26-07-48 – COMMUNITY HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CHAC)**  
**ACTION PLAN AND REORGANIZATION / HEALTH**  
**DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners approved the establishment of the Community Health Advisory Committee (CHAC) on April 3, 2001 in order to expand community participation in public health issues and to eliminate the duplication that existed with the then Board of Health and the Standing Committees of the Board; and

WHEREAS, in order to increase CHAC's overall effectiveness, an action plan has been developed by the Administrator's Office and the Administrative Health Officer with input and guidance from Commissioners Boelema and Mast and Dr. Larry Baer, current members of CHAC. The plan has also been reviewed with Chair Morgan and Legislative Committee Chair Agee; and

WHEREAS, membership of CHAC will be restructured from the current 14 member committee, reducing its size to 11 members. Committee members will include up to two members of the Board of Commissioners, one member of the Healthy Kent 2010 Board, one member from a faith-based organization, two members from community based organizations, three members from health care providers, and one member each from the Kent Intermediate School District and the Department of Human Services; and

WHEREAS, the Chair of the Board of Commissioners will appoint the Chair and Vice Chair of CHAC; and

WHEREAS, the Administrative Health Officer and the Chair of CHAC will provide appointment recommendations to the Board of Commissioners during the annual appointment process; and

WHEREAS, CHAC will continue to operate in an advisory capacity and will also provide input targeted toward specific health issues identified by the Health Department; and

WHEREAS, the initial appointment recommendations (staggered 2-year terms) to the restructured CHAC will be presented for consideration to the Legislative and Human Resources Committee and to the Board of Commissioners in the Spring of 2007.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners accepts the Action Plan to improve community participation for the Community Health Advisory Committee (CHAC), and authorizes the Chair of the Board and the Administrator/Controller to implement the recommendations contained therein.

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

**REPORTS****Department of Human Services**

Commissioner Vaughn stated he and Chair Morgan attended the interviews of construction management firms this past Monday for the Department of Human Services' building project. A recommendation is anticipated soon.

**MISCELLANEOUS****Making Great Waves for Kids**

Commissioner Mayhue thanked the group responsible for the "Making Great Waves for Kids" campaign effort. Thanks to their hard work, the City of Grand Rapids' pools will be open for an 8-week season – June 25 thru August 18. Fundraising will continue.

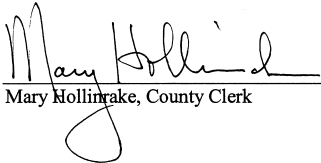
**New Sub-Committee**

Chair Morgan announced that he is forming the Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) Sub-Committee made up of Commissioners Bulkowski, Morren (Chair), Vander Molen and Morgan. This group will meet with appointed officials at the CVB to start laying out a road map for our future partnership.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:02 a.m., Commissioner Mayhue moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, May 10, 2007, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 8:30 a.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Klein. Motion carried.

  
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Roger C. Morgan, Chair

  
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Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk

# PROCEEDINGS

of the  
**Kent County Board of Commissioners**  
**May 10, 2007 – Regular Meeting**

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

**Present:** Commissioners Agee, Boelema, Bulkowski, Dillon, Hennessy, Hiddema, Klein, Mast, Mayhue, Morren, Parrish, Rolls, Tanis, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Vonk, Voorhees, Wahlfield, Chair Morgan - 19.

**Absent:** None.

**Invocation:** Commissioner Vaughn introduced Pastor Alton Hardy, Madison Square Christian Reformed Church, who gave the invocation.  
The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Scott Atchison, 2251 South Saulk Trail, Grand Rapids - Expressed his desire again to have an informational booth in the City of Grand Rapids. He is requesting a copy of the database of those who by law will receive notice should House Bill 4261 (amending the Convention and Tourism Promotion Act, under which an existing nonprofit convention and tourism bureau could levy a 2% assessment on hotel and motel rooms to support marketing and promotion programs) pass.

### SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

#### John Ball Zoological Garden Veterinarian Recognition – Dr. Richard Bennett

Chair Morgan introduced Dr. Bennett, DVM, who has provided veterinarian services to the John Ball Park Zoo for the past 25 years. He read a proclamation declaring May 10, 2007, as Dr. Richard Bennett day in Kent County.

Dr. Bennett thanked Commissioners and Zoo staff for allowing him the opportunity to work with the animals, and be a part of the zoo for the past 25 years.

### CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of April 26, 2007 Meeting
- b) May 1, 2007 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes  
(Reports of Claims and Allowances)
- c) Resolutions:

**5-10-07-49 – APPROVAL OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL – PINE LAKE / 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 the case of Pine Lake, this included cleaning and removing obstructions from a storm sewer which allows high water to flow from the lake; and

WHEREAS, the Drain Commissioner has incurred a cost of \$2,700 for this activity; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Inland Lake Level Act of 1961, the cost shall be levied against the properties in the established special assessment district; and

WHEREAS, the Drain Commissioner held a public hearing on the assessment roll on April 19, 2007. Hearing all objections and public input regarding 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.

**5-10-07-50 – PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACT – DAVID JAGER / EQUALIZATION**

WHEREAS, David Jager has served as the Director of the Kent County Bureau of Equalization for 19 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jager has submitted his letter of retirement, effective June 22, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the size and complexity of the County's equalization and apportionment, requires a Level IV assessor's certification from the State Assessors Board for the Equalization Director and Mr. Jager holds this certification; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Director of Equalization Matt Woolford is in the process of acquiring the Level IV certification; and

WHEREAS, County Administrator/Controller Delabbio has presented a transition plan for the Bureau of Equalization, which includes a recommendation that Mr. Jager be retained on a contractual basis to provide various services to the County/Bureau of Equalization for a 12-to-18 month time period, effective July 1, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Kent County Employees Retirement System provides that retired County employees may be rehired or contracted with, subject to certain limitations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby approves a personal services contract with David Jager to perform certain duties associated with the Bureau of Equalization, beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008, and may be extended by six months (to December 31, 2008); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Administrator/Controller to execute said agreement.

(Commissioner Vonk requested that resolution 5-10-07-49 be removed from the Consent Agenda.)

Motion by Commissioner Vaughn, seconded by Commissioner Klein, to approve the remaining consent agenda items.

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

Abstain: Vonk – 1.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**5-10-07-51 – NEW FISCAL POLICY – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTICIPATION / FISCAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, Kent County has determined that it is in the public interest to participate in economic development initiatives intended to stimulate growth of the local economy; and

WHEREAS, the State has provided City/Township governments with several tax capture/exemption programs which allow such governments to direct County property tax levy to economic development initiatives, with the concurrence with the County; and

WHEREAS, the County has determined that participation in City/Township tax capture/tax exemption programs should adhere to certain guidelines concerning term, tax subject to capture/exemption, maximum level of County participation and determination of long term financial benefit to accrue to Kent County government.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve a new Fiscal Policy governing participation in Economic Development Financing Initiatives.

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

After discussion, motion by Commissioner Tanis, seconded by Commissioner Morren, to call the question.

Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion to adopt resolution carried:

Yeas: Klein, Vaughn, Bulkowski, Vander Molen, Mast, Agee, Morren, Voorhees, Boelema, Hiddema, Tanis, Parrish, Rolls, Wahlfield, Vonk, Chair Morgan – 16.

Nays: Dillon, Mayhue, Hennessy - 3.

**5-10-07-52 – ADDITION OF A VETERINARIAN POSITION / JOHN BALL ZOOLOGICAL GARDEN AND PARK**

WHEREAS, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) regulations require a comprehensive veterinary plan for the public display of common, threatened and endangered animal collections at the John Ball Zoological Garden (JBZ). The JBZ has met this requirement by contracting for veterinary services on a part-time basis; and

WHEREAS, the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) grants accreditation to the JBZ to exhibit endangered and threatened species and to participate in Species Survival Plans and other AZA conservation programs; and

WHEREAS, AZA conducted a regularly scheduled accreditation study of the JBZ in early 2006. Based on the size and diversity of the animal collection, the AZA highly recommended that the JBZ employ a full-time staff veterinarian to provide medical care for the collection; and

WHEREAS, the AZA indicated that continuing accreditation may be at risk if access to veterinary care was not enhanced in the future. The JBZ is the only accredited zoo in Michigan that does not have a full-time veterinarian on staff; and

WHEREAS, the current veterinary services contract will expire in the near future. Dr. Richard Bennett, who has provided exceptional care for the animal collection for nearly twenty five years, has informed JBZ that he will not be available to continue in that role indefinitely. Given the recommendation of the AZA and the loss of Dr. Bennett's services, it is the appropriate time to hire a full-time staff veterinarian. Human Resources has documented the position classification "Veterinarian" in MPP grade 25, based on market information available from AZA and Bureau of Labor Statistics surveys and the Management Pay Plan classification system; and

WHEREAS, the annual salary and benefit costs will be \$97,112; the net addition to FY 2007 salary and benefit costs will be \$56,648.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners create the job classification "Veterinarian" (MPP 25) and approves the addition of one full-time Veterinarian position to provide on-site medical care for the John Ball Zoological Garden animal collection; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners appropriates \$56,648 from the Unreserved/Undesignated General Fund Balance to the 2007 John Ball Zoo budget.

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

Motion carried:



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

Nays: 0.

**5-10-07-53 – LOWELL REGIONAL PARK – YEITER ACQUISITION / PARKS**

WHEREAS, since 1998 the County has been acquiring land to create a regional park in Lowell Township. To date, the County has secured 384 acres, and holds a right of first refusal on another 180 acres; and

WHEREAS, adjacent property currently owned by Donald Yeiter Trust and Betty Yeiter has recently become available for purchase. The property provides critical frontage on Alden Nash Road and Cascade Roads, and has rolling topography and wetlands particularly suitable for park development; and

WHEREAS, the property meets the criteria of the Parks Department's Recreation and Natural Areas Plan; and

WHEREAS, the property has been appraised for \$615,000. The seller has agreed to donate a portion of the purchase price, lowering the cost to the County to \$382,500 (\$232,500 for Parcel A and \$150,000 for Parcel B). The seller will retain a life lease on four acres of property which includes the residence; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves the purchase of property from the Donald Yeiter Trust and Betty Yeiter (PPNs 41-20-22-100-045 and 41-20-22-300-010) at a cost of \$382,500 plus closing costs.

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: Hiddema - 1.

**05-10-07-54 - RESOLUTION TO STATE LEGISLATORS ON STATE BUDGET / BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, after seven straight years of state budget deficits and four years of budget cuts, we are facing yet another \$3 billion shortfall in state revenue for the current and 2007-08 fiscal years; and

WHEREAS, \$3.6 billion has already been cut from the state's budget over the past four years, and the state is operating with fewer state employees than we had in 1970; and

WHEREAS, we have cut major taxes over 32 times in the past decade, our unemployment rate remains one of the highest in the country, and our auto industry continues to struggle; and

WHEREAS, the Single Business Tax (SBT), the primary tax paid by businesses in Michigan, will be entirely phased out by the end of the year with no replacement for the \$1.2 billion in revenue generated from this tax; and

WHEREAS, funding for local governments has been cut by \$2 billion over the last 5 years, resulting in a loss of over 1,600 police officers and hundreds of fire fighters which compromises the safety of our local communities; and

WHEREAS, further cuts to state safety net programs for food assistance, childcare and health care will only result in a shift of demand to already overburdened county and municipal programs; and

WHEREAS, the County of Kent cannot sustain further cuts in essential state services and that further funding cuts will result in a loss of quality of life for the citizens of this state and county and an inability to attract new business to our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Michigan Legislature must demonstrate bipartisan leadership by: identifying a replacement for the SBT that is paid by business and not individuals; putting forward their ideas for restructuring our tax system in order to generate sufficient revenue to meet the needs of the 21st Century; and affirming their commitment to find funding solutions that move Michigan into a sound economic future; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Kent County Board of Commissioners expects the State Legislature to restore revenue sharing to all counties as committed to, when the respective county's revenue sharing reserves expire; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners work with the County's Lobbyist, Public Affairs Associates, to make Kent County's position known to the State legislature.

Motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Dillon, that the resolution be adopted

Motion carried by voice vote.

### **REPORTS**

There were no reports.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **Department of Human Services**

Commissioner Vaughn announced that the property closing for the new Department of Human Services building occurred on May 9th.

#### **City of Wyoming**

Commissioner Boelema said that the City of Wyoming leadership has formed a task force to study gang violence and youth crime.

#### **Downtown Development Authority**

Commissioner Mayhue asked if the County was still planning on meeting with the Downtown Development Authority?

Administrator Delabbio - yes.

#### **West Michigan Sports Awards**

Commissioner Rolls announced that the West Michigan Sports Awards annual banquet will be held on Monday, May 14, 2007, with special guest Tony Dungy, Coach of Indianapolis Colts. Proceeds will benefit Mentor West Michigan.

#### **Liquor Tax Bill**

Commissioner Tanis mentioned the email Commissioners received from MAC with regard to the proposed liquor tax bill and the effects its passage would have on Network 180.

Daryl Delabbio said that that County collects approximately \$3 million on liquor taxes of which Network 180 receives about half. Passage of the bill would reduce Kent's general fund revenue and would have significant impact on Network 180 programs.

Commissioner Tanis urged Commissioners to contact their state legislators to urge the bill's defeat. Otherwise, some of the people helped by Network 180 will end up in our institutions.

Commissioner Boelema is also concerned about the potential cutting of funds to Network 180. Without any question, bill passage would affect the poor of our community.

Commissioner Klein also echoed the concerns on the cutting of funds to Network 180. The programs are for people who don't qualify for Medicaid/Medicare and who cannot get services any other way.

**Health Department Fees**

Commissioner Mast asked what the status was on the County looking into the Health Department restaurant fees.

Administrator Daryl Delabbio commented that there is work being done and a recommendation will be coming to a future Finance Committee meeting.

**Pension Board Conference**

Commissioner Dillon believes that Pension Board members should not go to the Hawaiian conference on taxpayer funds. This sends a bad message even though the Board of Commission does not have control over it.

**South Kent Landfill**

Commissioner Voorhees said that there would be no sludge coming from the Kalamazoo River to the South Kent Landfill.

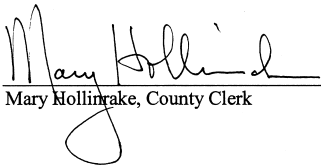
**State Budget Crisis**

Chair Morgan informed Commissioners that he has a letter for them to sign to send to Lansing legislators along with resolution 5-10-07-54 regarding resolving the state's budget crisis.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:40 a.m., Commissioner Vaughn moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, May 24, 2007, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 8:30 a.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Klein. Motion carried.

  
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Roger C. Morgan, Chair

  
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Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk

# PROCEEDINGS

of the  
**Kent County Board of Commissioners**  
**May 24, 2007 – Regular Meeting**

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

**Present:** Commissioners Boelema, Bulkowski, Dillon, Hennessy, Hiddema, Klein, Mast, Mayhue, Morren, Parrish, Rolls, Tanis, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Vonk, Voorhees, Chair Morgan - 17.

**Absent:** Agee, Wahlfield – 2 (Excused).

**Invocation:** Commissioner Dillon introduced Father Jim Chelich, St. Thomas Parish, who gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Sidney Deans, 843 Dickinson Street SE, Grand Rapids – Appeared before the Board three months ago asking if there are test wells around our landfills monitoring seepages. He received no response, so is back today to ask the question again. He also asked if the Waste-to-Energy facility is handling all garbage and, if so, will the remaining landfill(s) be closed?

### SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

#### Proclamation – EMS Week

Chair Morgan read a proclamation declaring the week of May 20 – 26, 2007, as EMS Week in Kent County.

#### Airport Parking Ramp Update

Jim Koslosky, Airport Director, gave an update of the proposed airport parking ramp. The planning of the parking structure began 10 years ago but, after September 11th, they stopped all improvements for 3-4 years. The 2004 master plan, which includes a 20-year outlook, forecasted a need for 10,000 parking spaces. The community desired covered parking closer to the terminal along with more short term parking. The proposed improvements include the parking ramp with canopy, 2 sky bridges, roadway modifications, utility replacements, and a transit station. The costs of these improvements are \$120 million with \$70 million being the parking ramp. Parking revenues will pay for this project, which will take approximately 2½ years to complete with ground breaking this Fall. He anticipates coming back before the Board in 30-60 days with a bond resolution for funding.

### CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of May 10, 2007 Meeting
- b) May 15, 2007 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes (Reports of Claims and Allowances)
- c) Resolutions:

**5-24-07-55 – APPROVE THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AND 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 26<sup>th</sup> year as an entitlement community; and

WHEREAS, the five-year Consolidated Plan for July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2010, consisting 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, 2007, and June 30, 2008, 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 (\$40,000); and

WHEREAS, the application seeks \$2,260,159 in funding that includes CDBG \$1,566,590, HOME \$603,692, ADDI \$14,877, and recognizes an additional \$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, 2007, through June 30, 2008; 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 \$2,260,159 in estimated revenues to the 2007-08 CDBG, HOME, and ADDI programs contingent upon award and execution of a contract.

(Commissioner Voorhees requested that resolution 5-24-07-55 be removed from the consent agenda.)

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

#### **5-24-07-56 – AUTHORIZATION OF A SUMMER 2007 (JULY 1, 2007) GENERAL OPERATING PROPERTY TAX LEVY / FISCAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, pursuant to MCLA 141.412 and 141.413 notice of a public hearing concerning the 2007 County Budget was published in a newspaper of general circulation on August 28, 2006, and a public hearing concerning the budget was held on September 14, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Kent County Board of Commissioners adopted a Fiscal Year 2007 Appropriation on September 28, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the budget as adopted requires the levy of 4.2803 mills for general operating purposes to be authorized for the 2007 summer tax billing which has a tax levy date of July 1, 2007.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby certifies a July 1, 2007 levy of taxation of 4.2803 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 Rolls, seconded by Commissioner Vaughn, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

**5-24-07-57 – AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF KENT HOSPITAL FINANCE  
AUTHORITY REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2007 – SPECTRUM  
HEALTH HOSPITALS AND UNITED MEMORIAL HOSPITAL  
ASSOCIATION / FISCAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Kent Hospital Finance Authority (the "Authority") proposes to issue bonds (the "Bonds") for the benefit of Spectrum Health Hospitals ("Spectrum") and United Memorial Hospital Association ("United Memorial") (collectively, the "Borrowers"). The proceeds of the Bonds will be loaned to the Borrowers and used by the Borrowers, together with other available funds, for any one or more of the following purposes (i) to construct and equip additional health care facilities of Spectrum located at 100 Michigan NE, Grand Rapids, Michigan (the "Butterworth Campus") generally consisting of the construction of a children's hospital, the renovation and expansion of existing areas of the hospital and the acquisition of medical care and laboratory equipment, (ii) to renovate and equip health care facilities of Spectrum located at 1840 Wealthy SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan (the "Blodgett Campus") generally consisting of renovations and expansion of existing areas of the hospital and the acquisition of building and medical care equipment, (iii) to acquire and install computer equipment at the Butterworth Campus and Blodgett Campus and at the facilities of Spectrum located at 4420 44<sup>th</sup> Street SE, Kentwood, Michigan, (iv) to renovate and acquire additional medical equipment for the facilities of Spectrum located at 80 68<sup>th</sup> Street SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan, (v) to construct, renovate and equip health care facilities of Spectrum located at 145 Michigan Street NE, Grand Rapids, Michigan, (vi) to purchase a helicopter and refurbish aircraft based at the facilities of Spectrum located at 5452 44<sup>th</sup> Street SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan, (vii) to construct a parking garage at the facilities of Spectrum located at 21 Michigan NE, Grand Rapids, Michigan, (viii) to acquire and renovate facilities for Spectrum located at 4700 and 4690 60<sup>th</sup> Street SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan, (ix) to acquire and install medical equipment for Spectrum facilities located at 221 Michigan Street NE, Grand Rapids, Michigan, (x) to refund the existing Kent Hospital Finance Authority Revenue Refunding Bonds (Spectrum Health) Series 1998C (the "Series 1998C Bonds") originally issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$26,800,000, (xi) to refund the existing Kent Hospital Finance Authority Revenue and Refunding Bonds (Spectrum Health) Series 2005A (the "Series 2005A Bonds") originally issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$152,100,000, (xi) to pay a portion of the interest on the Bonds, and (xii) to pay costs of issuing the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Authority intends to issue Kent Hospital Finance Authority bonds (the "Bonds") in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$470,000,000 to provide funds with which to make the loans to the Borrowers; 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 Greenville, the County of Montcalm, the State of Michigan or any political subdivision thereof within the meaning of any constitutional, charter or statutory provisions or limitations; and

WHEREAS, on May 14, 2007, 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 set forth in the public notice; 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, seconded by Commissioner Vander Molen, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Boelema, Bulkowski, Dillon, Hennessy, Hiddema, Klein, Mast, Morren, Parrish, Rolls, Tanis, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Vonk, Voorhees, Chair Morgan – 16.

Nays: Mayhue -1.

### **HEARING**

#### **Powell Deer Damage Claim**

Motion by Commissioner Vander Molen, seconded by Commissioner Tanis, to move into a hearing on the Powell Deer Damage Claim.

Motion carried by voice vote.

At 9:00 a.m., Kelly Powell, the owner of the whitetail deer, presented to the Board of Commissioners his case:

- seeking damages of \$27,000 because two stray dogs attacked four domesticated whitetail deer
- he thinks the determining factor on whether an animal is covered under the law is if the animal develops a thicker winter coat – hence a “fur” coat, not a “hair” coat.
- he testified that in winter, the deer develop a layer of fur under the hair and to show similarities he displayed fur hides of a bear, wildcat and deer
- believes the law to be old and not accurate

Civil Counsel Sherry Batzer: She too, originally thought that deer would be fur bearing. However, Michigan defines it and deer aren't included. She looked to 23 others states and they track with Michigan Attorney General's opinion - their laws do not include deer. A wildlife expert from the DNR also concluded that deer are not fur bearing animals. While certainly sympathetic with Mr. Powell, the statute is clear and so not compensable under the “dog damage” law.

At 9:20 a.m., motion by Commissioner Vander Molen, seconded by Commissioner Morren, to move out of the hearing and back into regular session. Motion carried by voice vote.

#### **5-24-07-58 – POWELL DEER DAMAGE CLAIM / HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, on July 28, 2006, four domesticated whitetail does belonging to Kelly Powell of Courtland Township were attacked by two stray dogs. Although the dogs did not gain access to the does' enclosure, the does were severely traumatized, resulting in their death. The dogs were shot by Mr. Powell, and their owners were never identified; and



WHEREAS, Mr. Powell reported the destruction of the does to the Kent County Animal Shelter and the Courtland Township Supervisor in accordance with the Dog Law of 1919 and the report protocol established by Corporate Counsel's Office; and

WHEREAS, the site of the damage was inspected by Animal Control officers, witnesses were interviewed and statements taken, photographic evidence of the damage was obtained, and a livestock damage claim was filed with the Health Department; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Powell claimed that the value of the four destroyed does totaled \$27,000 based on genetic history; and

WHEREAS, the Dog Law of 1919 requires that upon receipt of a fully investigated and substantiated claim of livestock damage, the Board of Commissioners pay for the damage, along with necessary and proper costs, from the County's general fund. The Law further states that if the claim filed with the Board appears to be illegal or unjust, the Board may make an investigation of the case and make its award accordingly; and

WHEREAS, after review of the investigation, related evidence, and applicable law, Corporate Counsel recommends that Mr. Powell's claim be denied, on the grounds that the Dog Law of 1919 does not include domesticated deer within its definition of "livestock" for which compensation can be made, and a Michigan Attorney General opinion holds that the county would not be justified in honoring a claim for damage to deer, since deer are not included in the definition of "livestock" under the Dog Law of 1919.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners denies the payment of \$27,000 under the Dog Law of 1919 to Kelly Powell for damage to four domesticated whitetail does.

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

### **REPORTS**

There were no reports.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **State Budget**

Commissioner Mayhue does not think that talk of recall of some state legislators is warranted since they are trying to fix the state's problems.

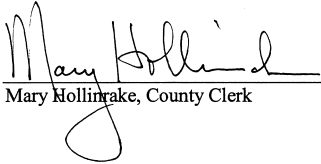
#### **Introductions**

Chair Morgan introduced the Allegan County Board of Commission Chair, Steve McNeal, and Sheriff Brian Koops, attending the meeting today with Sheriff Stelma.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:23 a.m., Commissioner Dillon moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, June 14, 2007, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 8:30 a.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Mast. Motion carried.

  
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Roger C. Morgan, Chair

  
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Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk

# PROCEEDINGS

## of the Kent County Board of Commissioners June 14, 2007 – Regular Meeting

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

**Present:** Commissioners Agee, Boelema, Bulkowski, Dillon, Hennessy, Klein, Mayhue, Parrish, Rolls, Tanis, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Vonk, Voorhees, Wahlfield, Chair Morgan - 16.

**Absent:** Hiddema, Mast, Morren - 3 (Excused).

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

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Carol Paine McGovern, Chair, Kent County Family Children's Coordinating Council - Since 1991, the Coordinating Council has worked to insure that local issues are identified and addressed to coordinate and improve services for children, youth and families in Kent County. The Council oversees the administration and distribution of Strong Family Safe Children (SFSC) dollars that are funneled through Kent County. Strong Family Safe Children funds have strengthened our community efforts regarding child safety and well being. Over the past several years, and specifically this fiscal year, recent policy changes from Lansing concern the allocation of funds, the reduction in funds and limit local input and decision making. The KCFCCC has told state elected officials that spending cuts, policy and rule changes are seriously damaging the ability of local collaborators to provide services to families. With these new top down directives, the loss of flexibility of using SFSC funds to address issues of importance in Kent County will make it impossible to respond to the increasing needs of children and families in our community.

Candace Cowling, Executive Director – Child and Family Resource Council – The Council coordinates the Healthy Start Program with a broad array of community partners. The prevention efforts are in danger due to the state's budget issues. She believes that the changes proposed by the state are a step backward, a step that we cannot afford to take. She urged Commissioners to proactively address this threat eroding our community's ability to make decisions about what we know will best achieve our goal of a community of strong families and safe children.

Sue Toman, Department of Human Services - She discussed the losses being experienced in the child welfare community and how those losses may affect service to over 600 families in Kent County. The families affected are those at risk for child abuse and neglect specifically. 1) Loss of funding – to Strong Families Safe Children in fiscal year 2007 is \$40,000; fiscal year 2008, \$80,000 cut. 2) Loss of local control – because of the budget crisis, DHS will require the money to be used only to serve the highest risk families (risk for removal from their homes).

3) Loss of service. Because of these changes they don't have the flexibility to maintain services. She asked Commissioners to help any way they can in order to do the best job for the citizens of Kent County.

Cheryl LeSane, Family Outreach Center – As Supervisor of the Kinship Program, she is here to speak on behalf of the funding and services provided by the program. This program works with families facing suspension of parental rights. Now, the DHS Children's Protective Service Unit diverts families from the foster care system by offering placement with extended relatives. The funding cut in the Strong Families Safe Children would greatly effect this service. She asks the Commissioners to support these efforts to provide services to the families.

Jan Fonger, Executive Director of Adoptive Family Support Network, and an adoptive parent. In 1991, Adoptive Family Support Network was founded at the insistence of our community leaders to promote lifelong well being of adoptive families. AFSN provides services to all adoptive families throughout the state. Annually, Adoptive Family Support Network serves over 1,500 families. As of June 1, 2007, their contract was reduced again due to changes in programs and program eligibility. AFSN no longer provides recreational activities, or information dissemination, and can only provide services to those families who had adopted out of the child welfare system. Kent County has long been a leader in the state and nation with regard to permanency issues and support for families. She urged Commissioners to advocate on behalf of Kent County's commitment to its children and families.

#### **SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

##### **The Right Place Program Update**

Birgit Klohs, Right Place President, reviewed 2006 accomplishments pertaining to business retention, expansion and attraction. In Kentwood alone, more than \$100 million in new investments and over 1,000 new jobs were created. The Right Place captured \$134,628,000 in capital investment, \$41,936,024 in new payroll, assisted 441 companies, retained 1,613 jobs, and placed 212 retention calls. Ms. Klohs indicated that the State of Michigan's inability to solidify tax issues is harming the ability to attract business.

##### **Department of Public Works Update**

Doug Wood, Director, discussed DPW's Strategic Plan for 2007-2011 (copy on file in the Office of the County Clerk). Two future projects that he discussed were: 1) Landfill Gas-to-Energy Program - landfills produce methane gas which must be managed and can then be used as a fuel for electricity or steam and, 2) a new Recycling Facility – due to new technology, they are evaluating whether a new recycling facility is needed. If needed, bonds would be issued to fund.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a) Approval of the Minutes of May 24, 2007 Meeting
- b) June 5, 2007 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes  
(Reports of Claims and Allowances)
- c) Community Health Advisory Committee Appointments
- d) Resolutions:

**6-14-07-59 - BUDGET AMENDMENT – 2007 JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY  
INCENTIVE BLOCK GRANT – SPECIAL PROJECTS / CIRCUIT  
COURT FAMILY DIVISION**

WHEREAS, the federal government has made funds available through the State for local governments to increase the accountability of juvenile offenders and the juvenile justice system; the program was started in 1999, and is now in its seventh year of operation; the JAIBG provides funding to the Family Division of the Circuit Court to support the Court-Community Policing Partnership; JAIBG funds will support a portion of the existing Juvenile Probation Officers to provide an accountability-based sanction program; and

WHEREAS, ninety percent of 2007 JAIBG funding is from Federal grants; the remainder comes from the County's General Fund and the City of Grand Rapids; and

WHEREAS, the 2007 Budget was prepared using an estimated federal grant amount of \$50,950; the Circuit Court has since received the annual allocation from the State in the amount of \$59,944, an increase of \$8,994. Requiring an additional \$999 in local match, \$622 from the County and \$377 from the City of Grand Rapids; increasing the County's match to \$4,245. Circuit Court has indicated the funds for the County's additional match are available in its 2007 budget; and

WHEREAS, the Circuit Court is requesting that the \$9,993 additional funds be appropriated to its FY 2007 budget for future utilization, bringing the amended budget appropriation to \$66,604; and

WHEREAS, if grant funding ceases, the positions will be eliminated unless continuation funding is approved pursuant to the Fiscal Policy on Grants and Contracts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approves the appropriate an additional \$9,993 to the 2007 Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant (JAIBG) FY 2007 budget in the Special Projects Fund.

**6-14-07-60 – 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 2008 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, Alternative Directions, Arbor Circle AOS, Grand Rapids Public School's Business and Industry Center, Prodigal Human Services, Network 180, Goodwill Industries, Family Outreach Center, 61<sup>st</sup> District Court and the Kent County Correctional Facility; and

WHEREAS, the grant request also includes funding for Probation Residential Services for Alternative Directions and Pine Rest; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated grant period is October 1, 2007, to September 30, 2008. It is expected that the grant will be renewable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approves the annual Community Corrections' Comprehensive

Plan and application for funding under PA 511 of 1988, and to authorize contracts with the proposed vendors not-to-exceed the recommended funding amount.

**6-14-07-61 – SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION TO MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES – COOPERATIVE REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM/PROSECUTOR**

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, 2007, to September 30, 2008.

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 2008 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.

**6-14-07-62 – REVISION TO 82 IONIA PARKING RAMP FEE SCHEDULE / FACILITIES MANAGEMENT**

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2005, Kent County purchased the 82 Ionia building which included a two (2) level parking structure that has a total of 122 parking spaces; and

WHEREAS, approximately 65 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 \$90,000; 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<sup>st</sup> every year. The following table indicates adjacent City of Grand Rapids Parking Services Parking Ramp rates:

Pearl—Ionia Ramp \$135.75 current rate, per month July 1, 2007 rate: \$139.00  
 Monroe-Ionia Ramp \$123.75 current rate, per month July 1, 2007 rate: \$126.75  
 Kent County current monthly rate for the 82 Ionia parking ramp is \$117.00; and

WHEREAS, Facilities Management recommends an 82 Ionia monthly parking rate of \$120 per space effective July 1, 2007.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approves an amendment to the 82 Ionia Parking Ramp fee schedule effective July 1, 2007.

Motion by Commissioner Klein, seconded by Commissioner Wahlfield, to approve the consent agenda items.

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

**RESOLUTIONS****6-14-07-63 – ESTABLISHMENT OF VOLUNTARY EMPLOYEES' BENEFIT ASSOCIATION (VEBA) TRUST / FISCAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, pursuant to various agreements with its employees, Kent County allows retirees to participate in its medical insurance coverage at specified rates and it assumes the liability for any premium in excess of the employee payment; and

WHEREAS, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), which sets financial reporting standards for government, has issued GASB Statements 43 and 45 to provide guidance in accounting for and funding of other post employment benefits (OPEB) other than pensions; and

WHEREAS, Fiscal Services recommends that Kent County actuarially compute and pre-fund its OPEB liability that will allow for a higher rate of return on investments; and

WHEREAS, the IRS allows governmental bodies to establish a Voluntary Employees' Benefit Association (VEBA) trust to manage money set aside for employee benefits; and

WHEREAS, a VEBA trust will facilitate compliance with the pre-funding standards of GASB Statement 45; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the VEBA trust agreement in conjunction with Public Act 149 will allow the Kent County to invest trust funds in the same manner as pension funds thereby helping to mitigate its cost of providing postretirement health care; and

WHEREAS, under IRS rules, the VEBA Trust is governed by a written trust agreement and an independent board of directors that shall include the County Administrator/Controller, the Fiscal Services Director and the County Treasurer, along with two other County employees appointed by the Chair of the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Corporate Counsel has reviewed and approved the trust agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approve the establishment of a VEBA Trust for pre-funding retiree medical insurance coverage; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners authorize transfer of existing funds to the VEBA Trust; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners authorize the Board Chair to sign all trust documents; and

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

**6-14-07-64 – FEE CHANGE FOR SEASONAL FOOD LICENSES / 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, resolution 9-28-06-104 established the Health Department Food Services fees for 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Health Department is recommending a change to an existing fee through the establishment of a new fee for seasonal food vendors, with the recommendations detailed in the attached schedule; and

WHEREAS, the fee change proposed for the Health Department would reduce the fees revenue by \$23,200.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approves the revised Health Department fee schedule for seasonal food vendors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that seasonal food vendors affected by this action be refunded the difference between the fees within 30 days.

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

Motion by Commissioner Dillon, seconded by Commissioner Mayhue, to amend the resolution: In the 4<sup>th</sup> WHEREAS amend line 2 after "vendors" and before "with" by inserting *and non-profit agencies that receive funding through the Senior Millage to deliver meals to homebound seniors.*

Motion to amend failed:

Yeas: Vaughn, Mayhue, Hennessy, Dillon, Bulkowski – 5.

Nays: Wahlfield, Voorhees, Vonk, Vander Molen, Tanis, Rolls, Parrish, Klein, Boelema, Agee, Chair Morgan – 11.

Motion to adopt resolution carried by voice vote.

**6-14-07-65 – WAHLFIELD PARK LAND ACQUISITION – VOGEL  
PROPERTY / PARKS DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, this action is part of an ongoing process which began in 1999 to purchase land contiguous to Wahlfield Park and

WHEREAS, this parcel is bordered by Wahlfield Park on three sides. The Parks Department has been pursuing the purchase since 2001. The property has recently become available and is being sold by the estate; and

WHEREAS, the land meets the criteria of the Kent County Parks Department Recreation and Natural Areas Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the purchase price, which includes two acres and a residence, is supported by an appraisal; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the purchase of property at 1229 Eight Mile Road, NW, Comstock Park (PPN 41-09-11-300-004) for \$130,000 plus closing costs.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Wahlfield, Voorhees, Vonk, Vaughn, Vander Molen, Tanis, Rolls, Parrish, Klein, Hennessy, Dillon, Boelema, Agee, Chair Morgan – 14.

Nays: Mayhue - 1.

Absent from room: Bulkowski – 1.



**REPORTS**

There were no reports.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**MAC**

Commissioner Dillon reminded Commissioners of the Michigan Association of Counties event at the Capitol next week.

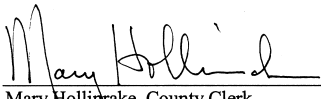
**Regional Jail Exploratory Committee**

Chair Morgan announced that he, Sheriff Stelma, and Administrator Daryl Delabbio will serve as the Kent County representatives on the Allegan, Kalamazoo, and Kent Regional Jail Exploratory Committee.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:59 a.m., Commissioner Klein moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, June 28, 2007, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 8:30 a.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Tanis. Motion carried.

  
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Roger C. Morgan, Chair

  
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Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk

# PROCEEDINGS

## of the Kent County Board of Commissioners June 28, 2007 – Regular Meeting

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

**Present:** Commissioners Boelema, Bulkowski, Dillon, Hennessy, Hiddema, Klein, Mast, Mayhue, Morren, Parrish, Tanis, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Voorhees, Wahlfield, Chair Morgan - 16.

**Absent:** Agee, Rolls, Vonk - 3 (Excused).

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Commissioner Paul Mayhue, District 16, Grand Rapids – The mental health parity issue is bottled up in the state legislature. Mental health parity advocates strive to make mental health issues covered by insurance the same as medical health issues are. Currently, those with mental health issues pay higher co-payments and deductibles than those with medical illnesses. He announced a desire to put together a bipartisan group to support mental health parity.

2. Clean Water Coalition representatives, Kim Spring & Rachel Hood, discussed a joint project entitled "Clean Kent County." The purpose of the project is to address failing septic systems and create solutions. Organizations involved in the project include: Clean Water Fund, West Michigan Environmental Action Council, Michigan Environmental Council, along with involvement from the Grand Valley Water Resource Institute and other key professionals with vast knowledge of the science. Michigan is the only state that does not have a statewide sanitary code for counties. Studies show that approximately one million gallons per day of contaminated water leak out of failing septic systems in Kent alone. The project components to address this issue are: 1) Education - homeowners must be educated on maintenance of their system; 2) input from stakeholders, elected officials and experts on solutions to existing problems; and, 3) develop and implement solutions. The Coalition will issue a report on July 17, 2007, and invites Commissioners to meet with them either before or after.

### **SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

#### **GFOA 2007 Distinguished Budget Presentation Award**

Bob White, Fiscal Services Director, presented Chair Morgan with the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association, for the Fiscal Year 2007 Budget. Kent County has received this award for the past five years.

#### **Michigan Association of Counties**

Tim McGuire, Executive Director of MAC, acknowledged that Kent County has always been very active in MAC, including helping the association develop its policy and conveying that policy to the legislature. MAC's next conference will be August 19-21, 2007, in Kent County.

A matter of grave concern to counties is the legislature's suggestion that sentencing guideline laws be changed. He distributed a document on this subject explaining how the changes could affect counties. MAC is opposed because this may increase counties' economic burden. He also distributed the most recent MAC Legislative Update.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- a) Approval of the Minutes of June 14, 2007 Meeting
- b) June 19, 2007 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes  
(Reports of Claims and Allowances)
- c) West Michigan Sports Commission – Board Chair Appointments
- d) Resolutions:

**6-28-07-66 – FIRE PREVENTION FUND FY 2007 BUDGET AMENDMENT /  
FISCAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Fire Prevention Fund was established in 1942. The Fire Commission is permitted by MCLA 46.301 to oversee the purchase of fire apparatus and equipment for 17 participating townships on a rotating basis. The law permitting such activity limits the County's contribution to 50% of the cost of such equipment with the local units required to contribute the remaining 50%; and

WHEREAS, upon purchase, the fire apparatus and equipment becomes a capital asset of the County for a 20-year term. At the end of 20 years, the asset is transferred to the local unit; and

WHEREAS, in the past the local units have purchased accessories for their fire apparatus directly from the vendor; and

WHEREAS, according to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) the accessories added to the fire apparatus are considered part of the County's capital asset and therefore need to be purchased directly by the County with the County being fully reimbursed by the local unit; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2007 budget for the Fire Prevention Fund, as adopted, does not include funding for accessories previously purchased directly by the local units; and

WHEREAS, an additional \$52,218 appropriation from estimated revenues is required to purchase additional accessories for the fire apparatus.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves the appropriation of an additional \$52,218 from estimated revenues to the FY 2007 Fire Prevention Fund.

**6-28-07-67 – APPROVE CONTRACT WITH AREA COMMUNITY  
SERVICE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING AND AUTHORIZE  
CHAIR TO SIGN / COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

WHEREAS, this is the second year Community Development has proposed using ACSET for the provision of weatherization services; and

WHEREAS, the contract, if approved, will provide for a home weatherization program as well as minor home repairs; and

WHEREAS, Corporate Counsel has reviewed and approved the agreement; and

WHEREAS, the contract period is July 1, 2007, to June 30, 2008.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners contract with Area Community Service Employment and Training; and

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

**6-28-07-68 – APPROVE CONTRACT WITH KENT COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES 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, 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 July 1, 2007, to June 30, 2008.

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.

**6-28-07-69 – APPROVE CONTRACT WITH DISABILITY ADVOCATES  
OF KENT COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE BOARD CHAIR TO  
SIGN / COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

WHEREAS, this would be the fourteenth 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 July 1, 2007, to June 30, 2008.

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.

**6-28-07-70 – APPROVE CONTRACT WITH FAIR HOUSING CENTER OF GREATER GRAND RAPIDS AND 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-fourth 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 July 1, 2007, to June 30, 2008.

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.

**6-28-07-71 – APPROVE CONTRACT WITH HOME REPAIR SERVICES OF KENT COUNTY, INC. AND 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 22 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 (\$50,000), Builder's Abundance (\$10,000), Accessibility Modifications (\$24,000) programs, and Volunteer Coordination (\$4,000), and Foreclosure Intervention (\$12,000); and

WHEREAS, Corporate Counsel has reviewed and approved the agreement; and

WHEREAS, the contract period is July 1, 2007, to June 30, 2008.

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.

**6-28-07-72 – 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 8,000 meals would be provided under this proposed contract at a cost not to exceed \$30,000; and

WHEREAS, Corporate Counsel has reviewed and approved the agreement; and

WHEREAS, the contract period is July 1, 2007, to June 30, 2008.

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.

**6-28-07-73 – APPROVE CONTRACT WITH YWCA WEST CENTRAL MICHIGAN AND AUTHORIZE BOARD CHAIR TO SIGN / COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

WHEREAS, the Kent County Board of Commissioners approved the acceptance of HOME Investment Partnership Program funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as part of the Annual Action Plan for FY2005-06 and FY2006-07; and

WHEREAS, the proposed contract, if approved, will be carried out in cooperation with the Michigan State Housing Development Authority with additional funding provided by a grant from Steelcase Corporation (\$150,000); and

WHEREAS, the contract provides funding for acquisition and rehabilitation of two residential duplexes to make available affordable housing for victims of domestic violence within Kent County, which is consistent with the grant requirements; and

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

WHEREAS, Corporate Counsel has reviewed and approved the agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners contract with YWCA West Central Michigan; and

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

**6-28-07-74 – APPROVAL OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL – BIG BROWER LAKE / 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 the case of Big Brower Lake, this included cleaning and removing obstructions from an outlet structure, and brush from an outlet channel which allows high water to flow from the lake; and

WHEREAS, the Drain Commissioner has incurred a cost of \$2,400 for this activity; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Inland Lake Level Act of 1961, the cost shall be levied against the properties in the established special assessment district; and

WHEREAS, the Drain Commissioner held a public hearing on the assessment roll on June 19, 2007. Hearing all objections and public input regarding changes to the roll, the Drain Commissioner has approved and confirmed the roll.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with MCL §324.30714(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.

**6-28-07-75 – MICHIGAN COUNCIL FOR ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS  
GRANT / JOHN BALL ZOOLOGICAL GARDEN**

WHEREAS, the John Ball Zoological Garden receives funding annually from Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA); and

WHEREAS, for FY 2007, MCACA awarded the John Ball Zoological Garden \$27,700; and

WHEREAS, the grant funding will be used for ongoing programs to enhance the 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 Kent County Board of Commissioners approves the appropriation of an additional \$27,700 from estimated revenues to the FY 2007 John Ball Zoological Garden budget in the General Fund.

(Commissioner Bulkowski requested that resolution 6-28-07-69 be removed from the consent agenda.)

Motion by Commissioner Hennessy, seconded by Commissioner Klein, to approve the remaining consent agenda items.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Wahlfield, Parrish, Tanis, Hiddema, Boelema, Voorhees, Morren, Mast, Vander Molen Hennessy, Bulkowski, Mayhue, Vaughn, Dillon, Klein, Chair Morgan – 16.

Nays: 0.

**6-28-07-69 – APPROVE CONTRACT WITH DISABILITY ADVOCATES  
OF KENT COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE BOARD CHAIR TO  
SIGN / COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

WHEREAS, this would be the fourteenth 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 July 1, 2007, to June 30, 2008.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Wahlfield, Tanis, Hiddema, Boelema, Voorhees, Morren, Mast, Vander Molen, Hennessy, Mayhue, Vaughn, Dillon, Klein, Chair Morgan – 14.

Nays: 0.

Abstain: Parrish, Bulkowski – 2.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

#### **6-28-07-76 – COLDWATER / THORNAPPLE RIVERS – CONFLUENCE PARKLAND ACQUISITION AND FUNDING APPROPRIATION / PARKS**

WHEREAS, this land is at the confluence of the Coldwater and Thornapple Rivers. It provides direct access to both rivers with a total of 13,800 feet of river frontage; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners approved a grant application to the State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for this acquisition on March 10, 2005. The grant application was approved by the State, and on August 24, 2006, the Board of Commissioners approved the Project Agreement for this acquisition; and

WHEREAS, the DNR Trust Fund Grant will cover 74% of the \$1,200,000 purchase price and Caledonia Township will contribute \$100,000 over four years toward the required local match; and

WHEREAS, purchase of this land is consistent with the goals of the 2003 Kent County Parks Recreation and Natural Areas Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the purchase price is supported by the DNR appraisal process; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners Board authorizes the purchase of approximately 91 acres of land (PPN 41-23-35-400-015) at the confluence of the Coldwater River and the Thornapple River; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board appropriates \$888,000 in state grant funds and \$100,000 from Caledonia Township to the Parks Acquisition and Development Fund to cover a portion of the purchase price.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Wahlfield, Parrish, Tanis, Boelema, Voorhees, Morren, Mast, Vander Molen, Hennessy, Bulkowski, Vaughn, Dillon, Klein, Chair Morgan – 14.

Nays: Hiddema, Mayhue - 2.

#### **6-28-07-77 – FALLASBURG PARK – LAND ACQUISITION / PARKS**

WHEREAS, since 2000, the County has been actively seeking to expand Fallasburg Park to the south by acquiring additional land along Covered Bridge Road. The wooded parcels in this area feature rolling hills, some of which provide potential vistas overlooking the Flat River and the covered bridge; and

WHEREAS, four other parcels have been acquired in this area in recent years, totaling 35 acres; and

WHEREAS, this purchase is consistent with the goals of the 2003 Kent County Parks Recreation and Natural Areas Master Plan; and



WHEREAS, the purchase price of \$140,000 is supported by an appraisal; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves the purchase approximately 19 acres of land (41-16-24-301-001, 41-16-23-400-006, and 41-16-24-100-004) adjacent to Fallasburg Park for \$140,000 plus closing costs.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Wahlfeld, Parrish, Tanis, Boelema, Voorhees, Morren, Mast, Vander Molen, Hennessy, Bulkowski, Vaughn, Dillon, Klein, Chair Morgan – 14.

Nays: Hiddema, Mayhue - 2.

**REPORTS**

There were no reports.

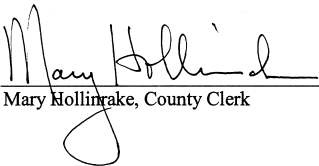
**MISCELLANEOUS**

There were no miscellaneous comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:10 a.m., Commissioner Hennessy moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, July 12, 2007, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 8:30 a.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Vander Molen. Motion carried.

  
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Roger C. Morgan, Chair

  
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Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk

# PROCEEDINGS

## of the Kent County Board of Commissioners July 26, 2007 – Regular Meeting

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

**Present:** Commissioners Agee, Boelema, Dillon, Hennessy, Hiddema, Klein, Mast, Mayhue, Morren, Parrish, Tanis, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Vonk, Voorhees, Wahlfield, Chair Morgan - 17.

**Absent:** Bulkowski, Rolls - 2 (Excused).

**Invocation:** Chair Morgan introduced Commissioner Voorhees who gave the invocation.  
The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Roselyn Letzmann, 1 Parnell Avenue NE, Lowell – As the nominee for appointment to the Community Mental Health Authority (Network 180) Board, she introduced herself to Commissioners and thanked them for their consideration.

### SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

#### Grand Rapids – Kent County Convention & Visitor's Bureau Update

Steve Wilson, Director, gave an update on the Convention & Visitor's Bureau. He distributed the 2007 Marketing Plan (copy on file in the Office of the County Clerk) and discussed three items: 1) convention business at DeVos Place; 2) state of the lodging industry; and, 3) strategic vision for funding of the CVB to expand marketing for convention and tourism.

The CVB has put more than 300 major conventions on the books as far out as 2015 and that business totals nearly \$100 million worth of economic impact on our community. A new booking for 2012 will bring in more than 1,500 people (4,200 room nights) for the National Model Railroad Collectors to Grand Rapids and with it an economic impact on our community of more than \$2 million.

Hotel occupancy in the State of Michigan ranks among the lowest of all states in the country. The Grand Rapids metro area is the state's top performer, outpacing the state average by 6%. Hotel tax revenues in Kent County last year grew by more than 7% at a time when other counties are experiencing little or no growth. Hotel rates and inventory is growing, yet the primary challenge for area hotel operators is how to grow demand at a time when our statewide industry is in decline.

### CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of June 28, 2007 Meeting
- b) July 17, 2007 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes (Reports of Claims and Allowances)
- c) BDO Seidman 2006 Audit Report – Receive and File

## d) VEBA Trust Board Appointments

Michelle Balcom (1 yr term) County Employee  
 Matt Madonna (1 yr term) County Employee

## e) Resolutions:

**7-26-07-78 – APPROVE CONTRACT WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY  
 OF KENT COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE BOARD CHAIR TO  
 SIGN / COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

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

WHEREAS, up to 5% of the annual HOME allocation may be awarded within five years of the award to a Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) for use on "reasonable and necessary costs for the operation"; and

WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity of Kent County is a Kent County CHDO; and

WHEREAS, the proposed contract, if approved, will provide for funding of non-project administrative costs to allow Habitat for Humanity of Kent County to continue providing affordable housing to eligible households within Kent County; and

WHEREAS, the agreement provides for \$40,000 in operating funds to assist in building organizational capacity at Habitat and obligates Habitat to enter into project agreements to carry out the development of eligible HOME assisted housing projects in Kent County within 6 months of this agreement; and

WHEREAS, Corporate Counsel has reviewed and approved the agreement; and

WHEREAS, the contract period commences upon execution of this Agreement and shall remain in effect for a period of one year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners contract with Habitat for Humanity 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 Vander Molen, seconded by Commissioner Mast, to approve the consent agenda items.

Motion carried:

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

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

Nays: 0.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**7-26-07-79 – LIQUOR TAX – INTERGOVERNMENTAL BUDGET  
 AMENDMENT / FISCAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, in 1985, the Michigan Legislature passed a statewide 4% Liquor Excise Tax that distributed proceeds to qualified local governments; one-half of county distributions must be distributed to the county's

designated substance abuse coordinating agency for substance abuse treatment within the taxing unit; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2007 Budget, as adopted by the County Board of Commissioners, included a \$3,210,054 revenue estimate from the State Liquor Tax distribution; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2007 Budget also included an appropriation of 50% of its annual Liquor Tax receipts, or \$1,605,027 for distribution to Network 180 who serves as the State-designated Coordinating Agency for Substance Abuse; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan has since eliminated its FY 2007 Liquor Tax distribution to counties; and

WHEREAS, County Administration recommends the elimination of the 1,605,027 distribution to Network 180 and the use of \$1,605,027 in Unreserved/ Undesignated General Fund reserves to replace the County share to offset the loss of Liquor Tax revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approves the elimination of the General Fund appropriation of \$1,605,027 from Liquor Tax proceeds for distribution to Network 180.

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

**7-26-07-80 – CONVENTION & VISITOR'S BUREAU CONTRACT –  
DISBURSEMENT SCHEDULE / FISCAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Kent County Board of Commissioners previously authorized a 2006 contribution of \$853,383 from the Lodging Excise Tax Fund to the Grand Rapids/Kent County Convention & Visitor's Bureau under Resolution #11-17-05-109; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Rapids/Kent County Convention & Visitor's Bureau has submitted a request for supplemental calendar year 2006 distributions in the amount of \$29,015 which represents a cost of living adjustment under the terms of the contract to be applied retroactively to the 2006 contribution schedule; and

WHEREAS, the current agreement between the County and the Grand Rapids/Kent County Convention & Visitor's Bureau provides for such a distribution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approves an amended 2006 contribution from the Lodging Excise Tax Fund in the amount of \$882,398 which represents an increase of \$29,015 over prior distributions and direct same to be promptly paid to the Grand Rapids/Kent County Convention & Visitor's Bureau; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an additional \$29,015 be appropriated from the Unreserved/Undesignated Fund Balance of the Lodging Excise Tax Fund to provide for this additional contract payment.

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

**7-26-07-81 – PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS OPTION /  
KENT / MSU EXTENSION**

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners approved the Purchase of Development Rights Ordinance on November 26, 2002, and on April 22, 2004, approved options for the purchase of development rights be extended to five properties, based on their compliance with the federal criteria, the County criteria, and the availability of matching funds; and

WHEREAS, one of the options approved was for the Joseph Merriman farm in Lowell Township but was never executed since the owner chose not to accept it; and

WHEREAS, subsequently, the Agricultural Preservation Board and the Merrimans have come to an agreement on the terms for a revised option agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approves offering an option not-to-exceed \$150 for the Option Fee for the purchase of development rights on the Joseph Merriman farm, 5214 Bancroft Ave SE, Lowell MI 49331 (PPN: 41-20-33-200-001) as recommended by the Agricultural Preservation Board.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Klein, Dillon, Vaughn, Mayhue, Hennessy, Vander Molen, Mast, Agee, Boelema, Tanis, Parrish, Wahlfield, Vonk, Chair Morgan – 14.

Nays: Morren, Voorhees, Hiddema – 3.

**APPOINTMENT**

**Community Mental Health Authority / Network 180**

Motion by Commissioner Klein, seconded by Commissioner Agee, to appoint Roselyn Letzmann to the Community Mental Health Authority Board for the unexpired term April 1, 2006 – March 31, 2009.

Motion carried by voice vote.

**REPORTS**

**Dispatch Authority**

Commissioner Tanis stated that the Strategic Plan for the Dispatch Authority will be mailed to Commissioners for their review before the August 9<sup>th</sup> work session. Any questions should be forwarded to him so that the answers can be available at the work session.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**GRCC Millage**

Commissioner Vaughn said that the Grand Rapids Community College millage on August 7, 2007, is important to the community and encouraged everyone to vote.

**Healthy Kent 2010**

Commissioner Hennessy announced that Healthy Kent 2010 has a strong task force which works to help women and children, particularly during their pregnancy and afterward, to reduce infant mortality. This year, the Breastfeeding Task Force (August is breastfeeding awareness month) received statewide recognition from the breastfeeding network through the Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition as being exemplary and strong in its efforts.

**NACo Conference**

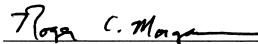
Commissioner Mast reported on the recent NACo Annual Conference in Richmond, Virginia. A highlight of the conference was that Michigan representative Eric Coleman (Oakland County) was elected President of NACo.

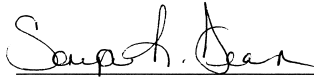
**Introduction**

Commissioner Vander Molen acknowledged Mike Gusweiler, Director of the West Michigan Sports Commission in the audience.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:59 a.m., Commissioner Vander Molen moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, August 9, 2007, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 8:30 a.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Klein. Motion carried.

  
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Roger C. Morgan, Chair

  
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# PROCEEDINGS

of the  
**Kent County Board of Commissioners**  
**August 9, 2007 – Kent County Dispatch**  
**Authority Strategic Plan Worksession**

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

**Present:** Commissioners Dillon, Hennessy, Klein, Mast, Mayhue, Morren, Tanis, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Vonk, Voorhees, Wahlfield, Chair Morgan - 13.

**Absent:** Agee, Boelema, Bulkowski, Hiddema, Parrish Rolls – 6 (Excused).

## INTRODUCTION

Chair Morgan introduced Curtis Holt, Chair of the Kent County Dispatch Authority, to review its Strategic Plan (a copy of which is on file in the Office of the County Clerk).

## BACKGROUND

In early 2006, 911Insight completed its Cost Benefit Study Report for the interim Kent County Central Dispatch Authority ("KCCDA"). The report envisioned substantial benefits to be achieved through communications center consolidation, including:

- Reduced transfer of 911 calls
- Broader regional awareness
- Improved communicator expertise
- Improved efficiencies
- Better accountability

The Kent County Dispatch Authority ("KCDA") was chartered, with the City of Grand Rapids now a full participating member.

The current Dispatch Board identified a need to create a "move forward" strategy and retain 911Insight to facilitate this planning effort.

## STRATEGIC PLAN

The Strategic Plan describes specific project initiatives, identifies the scope and benefits to be achieved, and enumerates rates of telecommunications surcharges to fund the first two years' initiatives.

The Dispatch Authority's purpose:

- Improve the handling of emergency calls for service from the public
  - eliminate cumbersome call transfers/simultaneous dispatch
  - enhance the effectiveness of public safety response
  - establish system-wide performance standards

Mr. Holt reviewed:

- a) Initiatives
- b) Infrastructure changes
- c) 9-1-1 system performance
- d) Accountability for 9-1-1
- e) Computer aided dispatch
- f) Funding request
- g) Benefits
- h) Legislative changes pending: SB 410, SB 411 & HB 4852

Mr. Holt also informed the Board that radio technology still needs to be addressed. Both Mr. Holt and Chair Morgan agreed that communications between medical/fire/police need improvement/upgrading.

#### DISCUSSION

While some Commissioners voiced their support of the project, they have concerns on how to justify to the public who are already paying for a 9-1-1 system that they will have to pay more. They requested better cost information.

Potential legislative changes concern some. What happens if the current 4% surcharge ends? Can a consolidated system operate on less than 4%? Mr. Holt stated that, while changes in their budget could be made, they could not follow the plan as outlined.

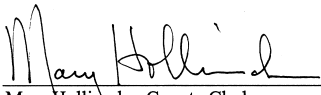
Chair Morgan asked if it was wiser to wait until the proposed legislation is decided on or is this time sensitive? Mr. Holt said that this is not time sensitive.

Chair Morgan thanked Mr. Holt and the Committee for all of their work.

#### ADJOURNMENT

At 8:30 a.m., the Work Session was adjourned.

  
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Roger C. Morgan, Chair

  
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Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk



# PROCEEDINGS

of the  
**Kent County Board of Commissioners**  
**August 9, 2007 – Regular Meeting**

Meeting called to order at 8:34 a.m. by Chair Roger C. Morgan.

**Present:** Commissioners Agee, Dillon, Hennessy, Klein, Mast, Mayhue, Morren, Tanis, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Vonk, Voorhees, Wahlfield, Chair Morgan - 14.

**Absent:** Boeema, Bulkowski, Hiddema, Parrish, Rolls - 5 (Excused).

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

## PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

## CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of July 26, 2007 Meeting
- b) Resolutions:

### 8-09-07-82 – ACCEPT AN FY 2008 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 Friend of the Court 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, 2007, to September 30, 2008.

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 \$17,000 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 Vander Molen, seconded by Commissioner Tanis, to approve the consent agenda items.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Agee, Dillon, Hennessy, Klein, Mast, Mayhue, Morren, Tanis, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Vonk, Voorhees, Wahlfield, Chair Morgan – 14.

Nays: 0.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

#### **8-09-07-83 – PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT 1234 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 between Fuller and Bradford Streets, as such parcels become available; and

WHEREAS, the Facilities Management Department recently learned that a qualifying parcel at 1234 Bradford Street NE is available for purchase. A diagram showing the location of the parcel is attached; and

WHEREAS, based on previously used valuation formula of two times SEV and a relocation allowance, the County has offered to purchase the parcels for \$112,680, plus closing costs. network180 has agreed to contribute \$14,580 toward the acquisition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves the purchase of property at 1234 Bradford Street NE (PPN 41-14-20-284-007) for the sum of \$112,680 plus closing costs estimated at \$1,900 for a total purchase price not to exceed \$114,580; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board appropriate \$100,000 from the Unreserved, Undesignated General Fund balance and \$14,580 from network180 to the Capital Improvement Program Fund.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Agee, Dillon, Hennessy, Klein, Mast, Mayhue, Morren, Tanis, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Vonk, Voorhees, Chair Morgan – 13.

Nays: Wahlfield - 1.

#### **8-09-07-84 – EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATOR / CONTROLLER / BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, the Kent County Board of Commissioners, on February 25, 1999, appointed Daryl Delabbio as County Administrator/Controller; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative and Human Resources Committee, pursuant to Resolution 2-25-99-20, developed and recommended approval of the Employment Agreement by and between the Board of Commissioners and Mr. Delabbio; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative and Human Resources Committee has developed proposed changes to said Employment Agreement and is recommending that the Board of Commissioners approve those changes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the Employment Agreement by and between the Kent County Board of Commissioners and Daryl Delabbio effective for the period January 1, 2008, through December 31, 2010; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair of the Kent County Board of Commissioners, or Vice-Chair in his absence, is authorized to sign the Employment Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the agreement need not be included in the minutes as a copy is on file with the County Clerk.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Agee, Dillon, Hennessy, Klein, Mast, Mayhue, Morren, Tanis, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Vonk, Voorhees, Wahlfield, Chair Morgan – 14.

Nays: 0.

**REPORTS**

There were no reports.

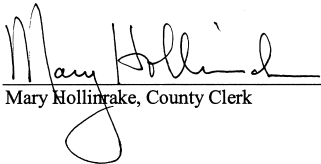
**MISCELLANEOUS**

There was no miscellaneous.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:39 a.m., Commissioner Vander Molen moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, August 23, 2007, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 8:30 a.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Agee. Motion carried.

  
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Roger C. Morgan, Chair

  
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Mary Hollinake, County Clerk

# PROCEEDINGS

## of the Kent County Board of Commissioners August 23, 2007 – Regular Meeting

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

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

**Absent:** Rolls - 1 (Excused).

**Invocation:** Commissioner Parrish introduced Charles Fry (retired clergy), Trinity United Methodist Church, who gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

### SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

#### Kent District Library Update

Martha Smart, Director, Kent District Library ("KDL") distributed the 2006 Annual Report (copy is on file in the Office of the County Clerk). KDL received several grants in 2006 from: 1) the Gates Foundation for technology in rural areas; 2) the American Library Association (only one grant given out in the U.S.) which supports creating an early literacy center within the Krause Memorial Library in Rockford. KDL continues to streamline and offer self service. Over 90% of checkouts are through self service (express check). The KDL system (18 branch libraries in 26 cities, townships and villages in Kent County) saw a year-to-date usage increase of 25%, 86,000 people attended programs and, citizens in Kent County checked out over 4 1/2 million items during the past year. Wireless access is available in all branches. Ms. Smart introduced board members present: 1) Charles Fry, who represents East Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids Township, Cascade & Ada; and, 2) Joel Hondorp, Board Chair, who represents Byron Township and the City of Grandville.

### CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of August 9, 2007 Meeting and Work Session
- b) August 7, 2007 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes (Reports of Claims and Allowances)
- c) Resolutions:

#### 8-23-07-85 – FIRE PREVENTION FUND FY 2007 BUDGET AMENDMENT / FISCAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Fire Prevention Fund was established in 1942. The Fire Commission is permitted by MCLA 46.301 to oversee the purchase of fire apparatus and equipment for 17 participating communities on a

rotating basis. The law permitting such activity limits the County's contribution to 50% of the cost of such equipment with the local units required to contribute the remaining 50%; and

WHEREAS, upon purchase, the fire apparatus and equipment becomes a capital asset of the County for a 20-year term. At the end of 20 years, the asset is transferred to the local unit; and

WHEREAS, in the past the local units have purchased accessories for their fire apparatus directly from the vendor; and

WHEREAS, according to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) the accessories added to the fire apparatus are considered part of the County's capital asset and therefore need to be purchased directly by the County with the County being fully reimbursed by the local unit; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2007 budget for the Fire Prevention Fund, as adopted, does not include funding for accessories previously purchased directly by the local units; and

WHEREAS, an additional \$108,141 appropriation from estimated revenues is required to purchase additional accessories for the fire apparatus.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves the appropriation of an additional \$108,141 from estimated revenues to the FY 2007 Fire Prevention Fund.

**8-23-07-86 – EASEMENT TO TOWNSHIPS OF BYRON AND GAINES / PUBLIC WORKS**

WHEREAS, the Townships of Byron and Gaines, through the Byron/Gaines Sewer Authority, have requested the Department of Public Works (DPW) to provide an easement to operate and maintain a sanitary sewer line and to access the sewage flow meter located on the South Kent Landfill property; and

WHEREAS, the sewer line transports leachate that accumulates in the South Kent Landfill. Byron Township requires the easement to access the sewage flow meter to record the readings biweekly to determine the volume and the cost of treatment for the discharged leachate. In the past, DPW staff maintained the station meter and recorded the data on behalf of Byron Township for billing to DPW; and

WHEREAS, Byron and Gaines Townships have agreed to assume responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the sewage flow meter, and have agreed to indemnify the County against all claims and liabilities arising out of the use of the easement; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Public Works has approved the grant of easement at its June 7, 2007 meeting; and

WHEREAS, the easement agreement has been reviewed and approved by Corporate Counsel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approves the grant of easement to the Townships of Byron and Gaines; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chair and the Clerk, or Vice-Chair or deputy clerk, in their absence, are hereby authorized and directed to execute the easement agreement.

**8-23-07-87 – AUTHORIZATION FOR GRANT SUBMISSION AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS / 17<sup>TH</sup> CIRCUIT COURT**

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Human Services has identified Kent County as eligible to receive a grant for the implementation of a diversion project and the collection of data to reduce disproportionate minority contacts in the juvenile justice system; and

WHEREAS, the Circuit Court – Family Division will use the funding to contract with School-to-Career Progressions to create a program to divert up to 60 police-referred youth (ages 13-16) per year to the Juvenile Success Center as an early intervention strategy and alternative to formal court involvement; parents/guardians will also participate in the program; and

WHEREAS, the grant program is designed to reduce the disproportionate minority representation, the diversion program will be available to all eligible referrals within the geographic target area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approve the Circuit Court's request to apply for the grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners accept and appropriate \$125,000 in grant funds from the Michigan Department of Human Service, Bureau of Justice, if awarded.

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

#### **8-23-07-88 – APPROPRIATIONS FOR PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS / ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE**

WHEREAS, the Kent County Agricultural Preservation submitted a proposal to the Dyer-Ives Foundation requesting funding for appraisal costs associated with Purchase of Development Rights; and

WHEREAS, Kent County recently learned that the \$15,000 grant was awarded to the Agricultural Preservation Board for the purpose of conducting appraisals associated with the Purchase of Development Rights; and

WHEREAS, spending authorization will be limited to the actual amount of funds awarded and available. No County General Funds have been committed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners accepts \$15,000 from the Dyer-Ives Foundation and appropriates \$15,000 to the Kent County Agricultural Fund for the purpose of conducting appraisals with spending authorization limited to the actual amount received.

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: Hiddema - 1.

#### **8-23-07-89 – PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS GRANT APPLICATION – MERRIMAN 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 the Merriman Farm as recommended by the Agricultural Preservation Board; and

WHEREAS, the Agricultural Preservation Board has been invited to submit a grant application to the Institute for Systematic Change for a grant fund that will match, on a one-to-one ratio, funds received on or after August 1, 2007, up to \$50,000; and

WHEREAS, the Agricultural Preservation Board recommends submission of the application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves submission of a grant application to the Institute for Systematic Change for matching funds for purchasing the development rights for the Merriman Farm; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board appropriates any grant funds received to the Kent County Agricultural Preservation Fund.

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: Hiddema - 1.

**8-23-07-90 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF AIRPORT REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2007 / AERONAUTICS**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Kent (the "County"), by resolution adopted on March 23, 1995, as supplemented on January 6, 1998 and December 17, 1998 (the "Resolution"), pursuant to Act 327, Public Acts of Michigan, 1945, as amended ("Act 327"), authorized the issuance of revenue bonds (the "Bonds") in accordance with Act 94, Public Acts of Michigan, 1933, as amended ("Act 94"), for any lawful purpose relating to the Gerald R. Ford International Airport, formerly known as the Kent County International Airport (the "Airport"); and

WHEREAS, the Resolution provides that any Bonds issued thereunder will be revenue bonds secured by and payable solely from the Net Revenues (as defined therein) (except to the extent payable from the proceeds of a Credit Facility or from the proceeds of Bonds); and

WHEREAS, the Resolution authorizes the issuance of Additional Bonds in one or more series for any lawful purpose pertaining to the Airport; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and desirable to make parking structure and related terminal area improvements to the Airport in order to provide necessary services to the public and to accommodate existing and anticipated commercial aviation needs of the citizens of the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aeronautics has heretofore caused the preparation of plans and specifications, cost estimates and estimates of the useful life of certain improvements, enlargements and extensions to the Airport and such plans and specifications, cost estimates and estimates of useful life have now been completed and filed with the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, to finance part of the costs of acquiring and constructing the 2007 Project (as hereinafter defined) including costs of issuance, the Board of Aeronautics has recommended that a series of Additional Bonds be issued in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$130,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desires to authorize the issuance of the Series 2007 Bonds.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN, as follows:

1. 2007 SUPPLEMENTAL RESOLUTION. This resolution (hereinafter referred to as the "2007 Supplemental Resolution") is adopted in accordance with Section 32(a)(1) of the Resolution and pursuant to the authority contained in Act 94.

2. DEFINITIONS. All terms which are defined in Section 1 of the Resolution shall have the same meanings in this 2007 Supplemental Resolution including the preambles thereto. In addition, the following terms shall have the following meanings in this 2007 Supplemental Resolution:

(a) "Director of Aeronautics" or "Aeronautics Director" means the Aeronautics Director of the County.

(b) "Series 2007 Bonds" means the Kent County Airport Revenue Bonds, Series 2007, as authorized by this 2007 Supplemental Resolution.

(c) "Series 2007 Issue Date" means the date on which the Series 2007 Bonds are issued and delivered to the original purchaser(s) upon receipt of payment therefor.

(d) "2007 Project" means the following improvements to the Airport: a new parking structure and related improvements, including but not limited to roadway modifications, an entrance vehicular plaza, a terminal curbside roadway canopy, escalator lobbies and pedestrian sky bridges.

3. NECESSITY; PUBLIC PURPOSE. It is hereby determined to be a necessary public purpose of the County to acquire and construct the 2007 Project.

4. ESTIMATES OF PERIOD OF USEFULNESS AND COST. The Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the estimates of thirty (30) years as the average useful life of the 2007 Project and \$138,000,000 as the cost of the 2007 Project, which estimates are now on file with the County Clerk. The estimated cost of the 2007 Project does not include capitalized interest on the Series 2007 Bonds, a deposit to the Bond Reserve Account or the cost of obtaining a Cash Equivalent for the Bond Reserve Account, bond discount and costs of issuing the Series 2007 Bonds.

5. AUTHORIZATION OF SERIES 2007 BONDS - PURPOSE. The Series 2007 Bonds, aggregating the principal sum of not to exceed One Hundred Thirty Million Dollars (\$130,000,000) shall be issued and sold as revenue bonds pursuant to the provisions of Act 327 and Act 94, for the purpose of defraying part of the cost of acquiring and constructing the 2007 Project, paying the costs of issuing the Series 2007 Bonds, including the cost of obtaining a Cash Equivalent for the Bond Reserve Account, and making a deposit to the Bond Reserve Account to the extent that the County does not obtain a Cash Equivalent therefor.

6. SERIES 2007 BOND DETAILS. The Series 2007 Bonds shall be designated "Airport Revenue Bonds, Series 2007;" shall be dated as of September 1, 2007, or such other date as shall be determined by the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners 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% per annum to be determined by the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners upon the sale thereof, payable on January 1, 2008 and semi-annually thereafter on the first days of January and July in each year; and shall be issued as Serial Bonds or Term Bonds, or both, which shall mature or be subject to Mandatory Redemption Requirements on each January 1 and in such amounts, all to be



determined by the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners at the time of sale.

7. PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST. The principal of and interest on the Series 2007 Bonds shall be payable in lawful money of the United States. Principal shall be payable upon presentation and surrender of the Series 2007 Bonds to the Bond Registrar as they severally mature. Interest shall be paid to the registered owner of each Series 2007 Bond as shown on the registration books of the County kept by the Bond Registrar at the close of business on the 15th day of the calendar month preceding the month in which the interest payment is due (the "Record Date"). Interest shall be paid when due by check or draft drawn upon and mailed by the Bond Registrar to the registered owner on the Record Date at the registered address as of said Date; provided, however, the registered owner of Series 2007 Bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$1,000,000 or more as of the close of business on the Record Date preceding any interest payment date, may by prior written instructions filed with the Bond Registrar on or before such Record Date (which instructions shall remain in effect until revoked by subsequent instructions), instruct that interest payments for any period be made by wire transfer to any bank located in the continental United States. Interest on the Series 2007 Bonds shall be computed on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months.

8. BOOK-ENTRY SYSTEM. Initially, one fully-registered bond for each maturity of each series of the Series 2007 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 Series 2007 Bonds might be adversely affected if the book-entry system of transfer is continued, the County may notify DTC and the Bond Registrar, whereupon DTC will notify the Participants of the availability through DTC of bond certificates. In such event, the Bond Registrar shall deliver, transfer and exchange bond certificates as requested by DTC and any Participant or "beneficial owner" in appropriate amounts in accordance with this 2007 Supplemental Resolution. DTC may determine to discontinue providing its services with respect to the Series 2007 Bonds at any time by giving notice to the County and the Bond Registrar 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 shall be obligated to deliver bond certificates in accordance with the procedures established by this 2007 Supplemental Resolution. In the event bond certificates are issued, the provisions of this 2007 Supplemental 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 to do so, the County and the Bond Registrar shall cooperate with DTC in taking appropriate action after reasonable notice to make available one or more separate certificates evidencing the Series 2007 Bonds to any Participant having Series 2007 Bonds certificated to its DTC account or to arrange for another securities depository to maintain custody of certificates evidencing the Series 2007 Bonds.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this 2007 Supplemental Resolution to the contrary, so long as any Series 2007 Bond is registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, all payments with respect to the principal of, interest on and redemption premium, if any, on the Series 2007 Bonds and all notices with respect to the Series 2007 Bonds shall be made and given, respectively, to DTC as provided in the Blanket Issuer Letter of Representations previously entered into by the County and DTC, and the

Aeronautics Director is authorized to execute such additional documents with DTC as he deems necessary or appropriate in order to accomplish the issuance of the Series 2007 Bonds in accordance with law and this 2007 Supplemental Resolution.

9. PRIOR REDEMPTION. (a) Optional Redemption. The Series 2007 Bonds shall be subject to redemption prior to maturity at the option of the County, in whole or in part, in such order of maturity as the County shall direct and by lot within a maturity, at any time on and after a date to be determined by the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners at the time of sale of the Series 2007 Bonds, which date shall not be earlier than January 1, 2012. The redemption price shall be the par value of the Series 2007 Bond or portion of the Series 2007 Bond called to be redeemed plus accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption and a premium, if any, not to exceed 2% of the principal amount of Series 2007 Bonds being redeemed, as determined by the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners at the time of sale of the Series 2007 Bonds.

(b) Mandatory Redemption of Term Bonds. Any Series 2007 Bonds that are designated by the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners at the time of sale as Term Bonds shall be subject to mandatory redemption prior to maturity on each January 1 at the par value thereof plus accrued interest to the date of redemption in such amounts as shall be determined by the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners at the time of sale. The Series 2007 Bonds to be so redeemed shall be selected by lot.

(c) Extraordinary Redemption. The Series 2007 Bonds are subject to redemption at the option of the County at any time, in whole or in part in such order as the County may determine, in the event of destruction or taking of or damage to the Airport, but only if (i) the Airport has been restored to substantially the same condition as prior to such damage, destruction or taking and excess condemnation or insurance proceeds remain; or (ii) the County has determined that the portion of the Airport damaged, destroyed or taken is not necessary to the operation of the Airport and that the failure of the County to repair and restore the same will not impair or otherwise adversely affect the revenue-producing capability of the Airport; or (iii) the Airport Consultant cannot provide a statement that condemnation or insurance proceeds, together with other funds made available or to be made available by the County, are projected to be sufficient to pay the costs of the replacement, repair, rebuilding or restoration of the Airport. Such redemption shall be at a price equal to the principal amount of the Series 2007 Bonds to be redeemed plus interest accrued to the date of redemption.

d) General. Series 2007 Bonds of a denomination greater than \$5,000 may be partially redeemed in the amount of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof. If less than all of the Series 2007 Bonds subject to redemption maturing in any one year are to be redeemed, the Series 2007 Bonds or portions of Series 2007 Bonds to be redeemed shall be selected by lot. Not less than thirty days notice of redemption shall be given to the registered owners of Series 2007 Bonds called to be redeemed by mail to each registered owner at the registered address. Series 2007 Bonds or portions of Series 2007 Bonds called for redemption shall not bear interest on and after the date fixed for redemption, provided funds are on hand with the Bond Registrar to redeem the same.

10. BOND REGISTRAR AND PAYING AGENT. The Board of Aeronautics has previously designated, and entered into an agreement with, The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A. (successor to Old Kent Bank) as bond registrar and paying agent for the Bonds. The Board of Aeronautics may from time to time designate a similarly qualified successor bond registrar and paying agent, 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.

11. EXECUTION, AUTHENTICATION AND DELIVERY OF SERIES 2007 BONDS. The Series 2007 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 of the Bond Registrar and the seal of the County (or a facsimile thereof) shall be impressed or imprinted on the Series 2007 Bonds. After the Series 2007 Bonds have been executed and authenticated for delivery to the original purchaser(s) thereof, they shall be delivered by the County Treasurer to the purchaser(s) upon receipt of the purchase price. Additional Series 2007 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 for authentication and delivery in connection with the exchange or transfer of Series 2007 Bonds. The Bond Registrar shall indicate on each Series 2007 Bond the date of its authentication.

12. EXCHANGE AND TRANSFER OF SERIES 2007 BONDS.

Any Series 2007 Bond, upon surrender thereof to the Bond Registrar with a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the Bond Registrar 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 Series 2007 Bonds of any other authorized denominations of the same aggregate principal amount and maturity date and bearing the same rate of interest as the surrendered Series 2007 Bond.

Each Series 2007 Bond shall be transferable only upon the books of the County, which shall be kept for that purpose by the Bond Registrar, upon surrender of such Series 2007 Bond together with a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the Bond Registrar duly executed by the registered owner or his or her duly authorized attorney.

Upon the exchange or transfer of any Series 2007 Bond, the Bond Registrar on behalf of the County shall cancel the surrendered Series 2007 Bond and shall authenticate and deliver to the transferee a new Series 2007 Bond or Bonds of any authorized denomination of the same aggregate principal amount and maturity date and bearing the same rate of interest as the surrendered Series 2007 Bond. If, at the time the Bond Registrar authenticates and delivers a new Series 2007 Bond pursuant to this section, payment of interest on such Series 2007 Bond is in default, the Bond Registrar shall endorse upon the new Series 2007 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 may deem and treat the person in whose name any Series 2007 Bond shall be registered upon the books of the County as the absolute owner of such Series 2007 Bond, whether such Series 2007 Bond shall be overdue or not, for the purpose of receiving payment of the principal of such Series 2007 Bond and for all other purposes, except that the Record Date shall control as to payment of interest on any Series 2007 Bond, and all payments made to any such registered owner, or upon his or her order, in accordance with the provisions of Section 7 of this 2007 Supplemental Resolution shall be valid and effectual to satisfy and discharge the liability upon such Series 2007 Bond to the extent of the sum or sums so paid and neither the County nor the Bond Registrar shall be affected by any notice to the contrary. The County agrees to indemnify and save the Bond Registrar 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 Series 2007 Bonds, the County or the Bond Registrar 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 Bond Registrar shall not be required to transfer or exchange Series 2007 Bonds or portions of Series 2007 Bonds which have been selected for redemption.

13. FORM OF SERIES 2007 BONDS. Each of the Series 2007 Bonds shall be in substantially the following form, with such changes and additions as shall be determined to be appropriate:

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COUNTY OF KENT  
AIRPORT REVENUE BOND  
SERIES 2007**

<b><u>INTEREST</u></b>	<b><u>MATURITY</u></b>	<b><u>DATE OF ORIGINAL</u></b>	<b><u>CUSIP</u></b>
<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>ISSUE</u></b>	

\_\_\_\_\_ 1, 2007

Registered Owner:

Principal Amount:

The County of Kent, State of Michigan (the "County"), 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, unless redeemed prior thereto as hereinafter provided, upon presentation and surrender of this bond at the corporate trust office of The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A., Detroit, Michigan, the bond registrar and paying agent, or at such successor bond registrar and paying agent as may be designated pursuant to the Bond Authorizing Resolution, and to pay to the Registered Owner as shown on the registration books at 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 such Principal Amount from the Date of Original Issue or such later date through which interest shall have been paid until the County's obligation 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 January and July in each year, commencing on January 1, 2008. Principal and interest are payable in lawful money of the United States of America. For the prompt payment of such principal and interest, the revenues of the Gerald R. Ford International Airport and earnings on investments of funds of the County pertaining to the Airport, after provision has been made for reasonable and necessary expenses of operation, maintenance and administration of the Gerald R. Ford International Airport (the "Net Revenues") are irrevocably pledged and a statutory first lien thereon has been created. In addition, if the Net Revenues and amounts on deposit in the Bond Reserve Account established pursuant to the Bond Authorizing Resolution are not sufficient to pay such principal and interest, the County has agreed to advance sufficient funds out of its general funds to pay such principal and interest, subject to constitutional and statutory limitations on the taxing power of the County to levy taxes to advance such funds. Interest on this bond 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 (the "Series 2007 Bonds") of even date and like tenor, except as to denomination, rate of interest and date of

maturity, aggregating the principal sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, issued pursuant to the Airport Revenue Bond Resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County on March 23, 1995, as supplemented on January 6, 1998, December 17, 1998, and August 23, 2007, and an order approving the sale of the Series 2007 Bonds executed by the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners of the County (collectively the "Bond Authorizing Resolution") and pursuant to and in full compliance with the Constitution and statutes of the State of Michigan, including specifically Act 94, Public Acts of Michigan, 1933, as amended, for the purpose of paying part of the cost of acquiring and constructing a new parking structure and related improvements, and paying the costs of issuing the Series 2007 Bonds. For a complete statement of the revenues from which and the conditions under which this bond is payable, a statement of the conditions under which additional bonds of equal standing hereafter may be issued and the general covenants and provisions pursuant to which this bond is issued, reference is made to the Bond Authorizing Resolution.

Series 2007 Bonds maturing prior to January 1, \_\_\_\_\_, are not subject to optional redemption prior to their respective dates of maturity. Series 2007 Bonds maturing on and after January 1, \_\_\_\_\_, are subject to redemption prior to maturity at the option of the County, in such order as shall be determined by the County, in whole or in part at any time on and after January 1, \_\_\_\_\_, at a redemption price of par, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption [and a premium as follows:

% of the par value if called for  
redemption on or after \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, but prior to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_;  
  
No premium if called for redemption  
on or after \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_.]

Series 2007 Bonds maturing on January 1, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to redemption commencing on January 1, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, respectively, in accordance with redemption requirements set forth in the Bond Authorizing Resolution at a redemption price of par, without premium, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption.

Series 2007 Bonds are subject to extraordinary redemption in whole or in part at any time following damage to or destruction of the Airport or any portion thereof or a taking by eminent domain of all or part of the Airport, as set forth in the Bond Authorizing Resolution, at a redemption price of par, without premium, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption.

Series 2007 Bonds of a denomination greater than \$5,000 may be partially redeemed in the amount of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof. If less than all of the Series 2007 Bonds maturing in any year are to be redeemed, the Series 2007 Bonds or portions of Series 2007 Bonds to be redeemed shall be selected by lot.

Notice of call of Series 2007 Bonds for redemption shall be mailed to the registered owner not less than 30 days prior to the date fixed for redemption at the address shown on the registration books of the County. Failure to receive such notice shall not affect the validity of the proceedings for redemption. Series

2007 Bonds called for redemption shall not bear interest after the date fixed for redemption, provided funds are on hand with the bond registrar and paying agent to redeem the Series 2007 Bonds called for redemption.

This bond is payable, both as to principal and interest, solely from the Net Revenues of the Airport or, if the Net Revenues are not sufficient to pay such principal and interest, from funds advanced by the County from its general funds as described above. The principal of and interest on this bond are secured by a statutory lien on the Net Revenues.

The County has covenanted and agreed, and does hereby covenant and agree, to fix and maintain at all times while any bonds payable from the Net Revenues shall be outstanding, such rates for service furnished by the Airport as shall be sufficient to provide for payment of the interest on and the principal of the Series 2007 Bonds and any other bonds payable from the Net Revenues as and when the same shall become due and payable, and to maintain a bond reserve fund therefor, to provide for the payment of expenses of administration and operation and such expenses for maintenance of the Airport as are necessary to preserve the same in good repair and working order, and to provide for such other expenditures and funds for the Airport as are required by the Bond Authorizing Resolution.

This bond is transferable only upon the books of the County kept for that purpose at the office of the bond registrar and paying agent by the Registered Owner hereof in person, or by his attorney duly authorized in writing, 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 attorney duly authorized in writing, and thereupon a new registered Series 2007 Bond or Bonds in the same aggregate principal amount and of the same maturity shall be issued to the transferee in exchange therefor as provided in the Bond Authorizing Resolution and upon the payment of the charges, if any, therein prescribed. The County and the bond registrar and paying agent shall not be required to register the transfer of or exchange any Series 2007 Bond selected for redemption.

It is hereby certified and recited that all acts, conditions and things required by law precedent to and in the issuance of this bond and the Series 2007 Bonds have been done and performed in regular and due time and form as required by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the County of Kent, State of Michigan, by its Board of Commissioners, has caused this bond to be executed with the facsimile signatures of the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners and the County Clerk and a facsimile of its corporate seal to be printed on this bond, all as of the Date of Original Issue. This bond is not valid or obligatory for any purpose until the Certificate of Authentication on this bond 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 Series 2007 Bonds described in the within mentioned Bond Authorizing Resolution.

THE BANK OF NEW YORK TRUST COMPANY, N.A.  
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 SERIES 2007 BOND FORM

14. SECURITY. The Series 2007 Bonds shall be Additional Bonds as provided in the Resolution and shall be secured as provided in Section 13 of the Resolution. In connection with the issuance of the Series 2007 Bonds, Section 13(a) of the Resolution is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(a) Except as hereinafter provided in this Section 13, the principal of and interest on the Bonds shall be payable solely from the Net Revenues (except to the extent payable from the proceeds of a Credit Facility or from the proceeds of Bonds). To secure the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds and all Credit Facility Obligations, there is hereby created in favor of the holders of the Bonds and each provider of a Credit Facility, equally and ratably, a first lien, by Act 94 made a statutory lien, upon the whole of the Net Revenues. If the Net Revenues and amounts on deposit in the Bond Reserve Account are not sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Series 1999 Bonds, the Series 2007 Bonds or Credit Facility Obligations relating to the Series 1999 Bonds or the Series 2007 Bonds when due, the County hereby agrees to advance sufficient funds out of its general funds to make such payment. If the County pays principal of or interest on the Series 1999 Bonds, the Series 2007 Bonds or Credit Facility Obligations relating to the Series 1999 Bonds or the Series 2007 Bonds from taxes or general funds pursuant to its agreement to advance in the preceding sentence, it shall be reimbursed from the Net Revenues subsequently received as provided in Section 19(b)(ii). 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."

15. INVESTMENTS. Except as herein otherwise provided, moneys in the funds and accounts established herein and moneys derived from the proceeds of sale of the Series 2007 Bonds may be invested by the County in Investment Obligations.

16. DEPOSIT OF SERIES 2007 BOND PROCEEDS. On the Series 2007 Issue Date, the proceeds of the sale of the Series 2007 Bonds shall be deposited as follows:

(a) First, an amount equal to the accrued interest, if any, received on the delivery of the Series 2007 Bonds and an additional amount of interest on the Series 2007 Bonds as set forth in the order of the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners authorizing the sale of the Series 2007 Bonds, which is hereby capitalized, shall be deposited in the Redemption Fund, and the County may take credit for the amount so deposited against the amount required to be deposited in the Redemption Fund for payment of the next maturing interest on the Series 2007 Bonds.

(b) Next there shall be deposited in the Bond Reserve Account an amount sufficient, when added to any other deposits made by the County or Cash Equivalents made available by the County therefor, to meet the Bond Reserve Requirement. The Bond Reserve Requirement may be satisfied entirely by Cash Equivalents, in which case it shall not be necessary to deposit any such proceeds in the Bond Reserve Account.

(c) Next there shall be deposited in the Construction Fund the balance of the proceeds of the sale of the Series 2007 Bonds, which shall be used to pay part of the costs of acquiring and constructing the 2007 Project as provided in Section 17.

17. CONSTRUCTION FUND. The portion of the proceeds of the sale of the Series 2007 Bonds deposited in the Construction Fund pursuant to Section 16 shall be used as hereinafter provided. Moneys in the Construction Fund shall be applied solely to the payment of the cost of the 2007 Project including engineering fees, legal and financial advisor fees, Credit Facility



premiums or fees, if any, rating agency fees and other expenses incident to the Project and to the costs of issuing the Series 2007 Bonds therefor. Payments for construction, either on account or otherwise, shall not be made unless the registered engineer in charge of such work shall file with the Board of Aeronautics a signed statement to the effect that the work has been completed in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor, that it was done pursuant to and in accordance with the contract therefor, that such work is satisfactory and that such work has not been previously paid for. Payment of engineering fees, legal and financial advisor fees, Credit Facility premiums or fees, rating agency fees and other expenses incident to the financing of the 2007 Project and the costs of issuing the Series 2007 Bonds therefor shall be made upon submission of appropriate documentation to the Board of Aeronautics.

Any unexpended balance of the proceeds of the sale of the Series 2007 Bonds, remaining after the completion of the 2007 Project, may be used, with the approval of the Michigan Department of Treasury, for the improvement, enlargement and/or extension of the Airport, and any remaining balance shall be paid immediately into the Redemption Fund and shall be applied in accordance with the provisions of Section 16 of Act 94.

18. APPROVAL OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY. The issuance and sale of the Series 2007 Bonds shall be subject to permission being granted therefor by the Department of Treasury of the State of Michigan and the Aeronautics Director is authorized and directed, if necessary, to make application to the Department of Treasury for permission to issue and sell the Series 2007 Bonds as provided by the terms of this 2007 Supplemental Resolution.

19. SALE, ISSUANCE, DELIVERY, TRANSFER AND EXCHANGE OF SERIES 2007 BONDS. The Bonds shall be sold pursuant to a negotiated sale to J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. (the "Underwriter") 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 Series 2007 Bonds. The Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners is authorized to enter into a Bond Purchase Agreement with the Underwriter, which Bond Purchase Agreement shall set forth the principal amount, principal maturities and dates, interest rates and interest payment dates, redemption provisions, purchase price to be paid by the Underwriter and compensation to be paid to the Underwriter with respect to the Series 2007 Bonds, as well as such other terms and provisions as the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners determines to be necessary or appropriate in connection with the sale of the Series 2007 Bonds. The approval of the Bond Purchase Agreement, as well as the foregoing provisions with respect to the Series 2007 Bonds, shall be set forth in an order authorizing the sale of the Series 2007 Bonds to be executed by the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners, which order shall constitute a "resolution authorizing the sale of Bonds" within the meaning of the Resolution. The members of the Board of Aeronautics, the Aeronautics Director, the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners and other appropriate County officials are authorized to do all things necessary to effectuate the sale, issuance, delivery, transfer and exchange of the Series 2007 Bonds in accordance with the provisions of this 2007 Supplemental Resolution. In making the determination in the order authorizing the sale of the Series 2007 Bonds and in the Bond Purchase Agreement with respect to principal maturities and dates, interest rates, redemption provisions, purchase price of the Bonds and compensation to be paid to the Underwriter, the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners shall be limited as follows:

- (a) The interest rate on any Series 2007 Bond shall not exceed 6% per annum.
- (b) The final maturity date of the Series 2007 Bonds shall not be later than January 1, 2037.

(c) The principal (whether by maturity or mandatory redemption) and interest coming due on the Series 2007 Bonds in any calendar year, when added to the principal (whether by maturity or mandatory redemption) and interest coming due on all other outstanding Bonds shall not exceed \$15,500,000.

(d) The purchase price of the Series 2007 Bonds shall not be less than 98.5% of the principal amount thereof nor more than 105% of the principal amount thereof.

(e) The Underwriter's discount with respect to the Series 2007 Bonds or the compensation to be paid to the Underwriter shall not exceed 0.4% of the principal amount of the Series 2007 Bonds.

20. COVENANTS. The County covenants and represents to the register owners of the Bonds that so long as any of the Bonds remain outstanding and unpaid as to either principal or interest:

(a) The County shall acquire and construct the 2007 Project promptly and in accordance with the plans therefor.

(b) The County agrees to take all action, and refrain from taking any action, that is necessary, including making any rebate payments to the United States government that may be required by the Code, which are hereby authorized to be paid from the Operation and Maintenance Fund as an expense of the Airport, so as not to impair the exclusion of the interest on the Series 2007 Bonds from gross income for federal income tax purposes.

21. OFFICIAL STATEMENT. The Aeronautics Director is authorized to cause the preparation of a nearly final official statement and a final official statement for the Series 2007 Bonds for the purpose of enabling compliance with SEC Rule 15c2-12 (the "Rule") by the Underwriter and to do all other things necessary to enable compliance with the Rule by the Underwriter. The Aeronautics Director and the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners of the County are authorized to execute and deliver the final official statement on behalf of the County. After the award of the Series 2007 Bonds, the County shall provide copies of the final official statement 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 with respect to the Series 2007 Bonds 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 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.

23. CREDIT FACILITIES. The Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners may obtain a Credit Facility in respect of all or part of the Series 2007 Bonds or in respect of any required deposit to the Bond Reserve Account which, if obtained, shall be provided for in the order authorizing the sale of the Series 2007 Bonds. The provider of such Credit Facility may be afforded certain rights and remedies to direct the proceedings with respect to the enforcement of the payment of the Bonds as shall be provided in the order authorizing the sale of the Series 2007 Bonds.

24. SEVERABILITY; PARAGRAPH HEADINGS. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this 2007 Supplemental Resolution shall be held invalid, the invalidity of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the other provisions of this 2007 Supplemental Resolution. The paragraph headings in this 2007 Supplemental Resolution are furnished for

convenience of reference only and shall not be considered to be part of this 2007 Supplemental Resolution.

25. PUBLICATION AND RECORDATION. This 2007 Supplemental Resolution shall be published in full in *The Grand Rapids Press*, a newspaper of general circulation in the County qualified under State law to publish legal notices, promptly after its adoption and shall be recorded in the official proceedings of the Board of Commissioners and such recording shall be authenticated by the signature of the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners and the County Clerk.

26. RATIFICATION OF RESOLUTION; CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS. The Resolution, as amended and supplemented herein, is hereby ratified and confirmed. All other resolutions and parts of other resolutions insofar as they may be in conflict herewith are hereby rescinded.

27. EFFECTIVE DATE. This 2007 Supplemental Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: Bulkowski - 1.

**8-23-07-91 – AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF KENT HOSPITAL FINANCE AUTHORITY REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2007A AND 2007B / FISCAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Kent Hospital Finance Authority (the "Authority") proposes to issue its Revenue Bonds, Series 2007A (MetroHealth Project) and Revenue and Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2007B (MetroHealth Project) in the total amount not to exceed \$225,000,000 (collectively, the "Bonds") and lend the proceeds to Metropolitan Hospital, a/k/a Metro Health Hospital, a Michigan nonprofit corporation, for itself and as Obligated Group Agent on behalf of the Obligated Group (the "Company"), to provide funds to be used by the Company, together with other available funds, to accomplish one or more of the following: (i) acquire an approximately 23,000 square foot self-contained power plant located adjacent to the Company's new full service hospital at 5840 Byron Center Road, S.W., Wyoming, Michigan, (ii) acquire and install a magnetic resonance imaging system and computed tomography scanner to be located at the Company's new full service hospital at 5840 Byron Center Road, S.W., Wyoming, Michigan, (iii) refund all or a portion of the existing Kent Hospital Finance Authority Revenue Bonds, Series 2005A (Metropolitan Hospital Project) originally issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$135,000,000 which will refinance a portion of the cost of the acquisition and improvement of land and construction and equipping of a new full service hospital located at 5840 Byron Center Road, S.W., Wyoming, Michigan (the "2005 Project"), (iv) refund all or a portion of the existing Kent Hospital Finance Authority Variable Rate Demand Revenue and Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2005B (Metropolitan Hospital Project) originally issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$30,000,000 which will refinance (a) a portion of the cost of the 2005 Project and (b) the refunding of the Authority's Variable Rate Demand Limited Obligation Revenue Bonds, Series 1996 (Metropolitan Hospital Project) (the "Series 1996 Bonds") which were then outstanding and which Series 1996 Bonds proceeds were used to finance the acquisition, construction, renovation and equipping of a health care facility for primary care services and administrative offices located at 1925 Breton Road, S.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan, which is owned and operated by the Company, (v) to make a deposit

in a debt service reserve fund for the Bonds, (vi) to fund capitalized interest on the Bonds, and (vii) to defray the costs of issuing the Bonds; 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 Wyoming, the City of Grand Rapids, the County of Kent, the State of Michigan or any political subdivision thereof within the meaning of any constitutional, statutory or charter provisions or limitations; and

WHEREAS, on August 17, 2007, the Authority held a public hearing after public 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 set forth in the public notice; 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 of 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 Tanis, seconded by Commissioner Voorhees, that the resolution adopted.

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

Abstain: Hennessy – 1.

**8-23-07-92 – ASSIGNMENT OF BUILDING PROJECTS TO THE KENT COUNTY BUILDING AUTHORITY – 63<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT COURT / ANIMAL SHELTER**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners adopted a Fiscal Year 2007 Appropriation Act (Resolution #09-28-06-102) which established spending authorization for certain operating budgets and capital improvement projects; and

WHEREAS, the Budget as adopted included several capital improvement projects intended to be financed through the proceeds from a capital improvement bond issue; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners adopted a "Notice of Intent to Issue Bonds (Resolution #04-12-07-41) with a total authorized issuance not to exceed \$22 million intended to provide for financing of projects noted in the resolution; and

WHEREAS, certain projects include the construction of new buildings including a facility to house the 63<sup>rd</sup> District Court and construction of a new Animal Shelter; and

WHEREAS, assignment of these projects to the Kent County Building Authority will allow the Board of Commissioners to utilize the efficiencies of the Authority process to manage these projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approves the assignment of the 63<sup>rd</sup> District Court project and

the Animal Shelter project to the Kent County Building Authority for the purposes of bidding the projects, constructing and equipping the facilities as approved in the Fiscal Year 2007 CIP Budget at a total cost not to exceed \$9 million.

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

### **REPORTS**

There were no reports.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **Sympathy**

Commissioner Klein expressed her condolences to the family of Tina Partee-Elder, a local attorney who was killed earlier this week.

#### **MAC Conference**

Commissioner Mayhue said that Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land spoke on several election issues in her keynote address.

#### **Appointments**

Chair Morgan announced that annual appointments will be coming up for review. Any questions on what boards will have openings should be addressed to Jim Day.


#### **Congratulations**

Chair Morgan congratulated Commissioner Mast on his election as First Vice President of the Michigan Association of Counties.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:15 a.m., Commissioner Parrish moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, September 13, 2007, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 7:00 p.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Klein. Motion carried.

  
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Roger C. Morgan, Chair

  
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Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk

# PROCEEDINGS

of the  
**Kent County Board of Commissioners**  
**September 13, 2007 – Regular Meeting**

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

**Present:** Commissioners Agee, Boelema, Bulkowski, Dillon, Hennessy, Klein, Mayhue, Morren, Parrish, Rolls, Tanis, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Vonk, Voorhees, Wahlfield, Chair Morgan - 17.

**Absent:** Hiddema, Mast - 2 (Excused).

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Richard Ortega, 34 Pond Ridge Drive, Grand Rapids Township – Asked the Board to hire local workers for local construction projects and encouraged diversity on the work projects.

Buck Geno, Business Manager of Plumbers & Pipers Local Union- West Michigan, a member of the Midwest Building Trades and Director of the Friends of Labor - He applauded the Board's efforts to make sure that local contractors and their employees work on County projects. The building and construction trades will do everything that they can to help the County make sure that this happens. He offered his assistance to any Commissioner to make sure that it happens.

### **SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

#### **Family & Children's Coordinating Council – Kent School Services Network Update**

Carol Paine-McGovern, Chair of the KCFCCC, reviewed highlights of the 2007 annual report (copy of which is on file in the Office of the County Clerk). The report outlines the successful meeting of the goals set for 2007, and the areas of concentration for next year: 1) continue, review & oversee the work of the Great Start Collaborative – which is the early childhood initiative; 2) Kent School Services Network; and 3) on-going Family Support Committee – which works with substance abuse treatment. She thanked the Board for its support of the prevention initiative evaluation. The findings surrounding abuse and neglect will be reviewed as they evaluate the programs and services currently offered in Kent County. Their Executive Committee will dig deeper into the issues of increasing abuse and neglect and make recommendations to the full coordinating council on what the community can do to reduce the occurrences.

Management Analyst Matthew Van Zetten reviewed the Kent Schools Services Network program. This program provides children with services they need at school, along with basic needs such as clothing and transportation, to make sure that are ready to learn. There are 8 pilot sites located in Grand Rapids, Comstock Park and Wyoming schools.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- a) Approval of the Minutes of August 23, 2007 Meeting
- b) August 21 & September 4, 2007 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes (Reports of Claims and Allowances)
- c) Appointment to the Community Mental Health Authority Board
- d) Resolutions:

**9-13-07-93 – APPROVE SHELTER PLUS CARE CONTRACTS AND AUTHORIZE BOARD CHAIR TO SIGN / COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

WHEREAS, the Office of Community Development has received funding for the Shelter Plus Care Program since 1993 under a continuing agreement. Recently, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) clarified annual agreements must be executed for program renewals; and

WHEREAS, in order to avoid hardships for those in need of rental assistance, HUD has allowed communities to continue to spend funds prior to receiving their new grant agreements, provided the grantees had sufficient funds available from the prior grant term, which was the case for Kent County; and

WHEREAS, under the proposed contracts, Kent County would provide up to \$1,210,440 in HUD funds for 20 units of sponsor-based rental assistance at the Herkimer Apartments in Grand Rapids and for an additional 50 units of sponsor-based rental assistance and 93 units of tenant-based rental assistance at various locations within the county; and

WHEREAS, these activities are included in the Grand Rapids, Wyoming and Kent County Continuum of Care's Supportive Housing Program application and are an effort to reduce chronic homelessness by providing permanent housing and support services to individuals; and

WHEREAS, there are three proposed contracts, one with Dwelling Place, Inc. and two with Community Rebuilders, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Corporate Counsel has reviewed and approved the agreements; and

WHEREAS, the contract period is June 1, 2007, to July 30, 2008.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners contract with Dwelling Place, Inc., and Community Rebuilders, Inc. to provide rental assistance services; and

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

(Commissioner Mayhue requested that resolution 9-13-07-93 be removed from the consent agenda.)

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**9-13-07-94 – NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS – GENERAL  
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS – FULLER CAMPUS & 63<sup>RD</sup>  
DISTRICT COURT / FISCAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners has agreed (a) to provide a new boiler room for the Community Re-entry Center building located in the Kent County Fuller Campus (the "Fuller Campus") at 1330 Bradford Street, N.E., in the City of Grand Rapids (the "City") consisting of two hot water boilers, a domestic water heater and storage tank, (b) to provide a new boiler room for the Health Department building located in the Fuller Campus at 700 Fuller Avenue, N.E., in the City consisting of two hot water boilers, a domestic water heater and storage tank, (c) to provide a new or renovated



energy center, including all mechanical and electrical systems, for the Spectrum Health building located in the Fuller Campus at 750 Fuller Avenue, N.E., in the City, (d) to remodel the existing network 180 building located in the Fuller Campus at 728 Fuller Avenue, N.E., in the City and add an approximately 27,000 square foot addition to such building, (e) to demolish the existing animal shelter facility and construct a new 22,000 to 25,000 square foot animal shelter facility in the Fuller Campus at 711 Ball Avenue, N.E., in the City, (f) to provide upgrades and revisions to the main entrance to the Fuller Campus and to improve the primary circulation route between Fuller Avenue, N.E., and Ball Avenue, N.E., and provide additional and/or modified access to parking areas in the Fuller Campus, and (g) to acquire and construct a new approximately 40,000 square foot building to be occupied by the 63rd Judicial District Court to be located within the jurisdiction of the 63<sup>rd</sup> District Court in the County (collectively, the "Improvements").

WHEREAS, the total cost of the Improvements is estimated not to exceed \$22,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined to finance all or a portion of the costs of the Improvements through the issuance of capital improvements bonds (the "Bonds") pursuant to Act 34 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 2001, as amended, MCL 14.2101, et seq. ("Act 34"); and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to publish a notice of intent to issue bonds for the Bonds pursuant to Section 517 of Act 34; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to express its intent to reimburse itself the costs related to the Improvements from the proceeds of the Bonds.

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

1. That the County intends to pay for all or a part of the costs of the Improvements through the issuance of Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$22,000,000.
2. That a notice of intent to issue bonds for the Bonds shall be published in accordance with Section 517 of Act 34.
3. That the County Clerk is authorized and directed to publish the notice of intent to issue bonds in *The Grand Rapids Press*, a newspaper of general circulation in the County, which notice shall be in the form of Exhibit A attached hereto. Such notice shall be not less than one-quarter page in size in the newspaper.
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 Improvements and the costs related thereto in an amount not to exceed \$22,000,000 through the issuance of the Bonds.
5. That a copy of this resolution shall be available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, County Administration Building, 300 Monroe Avenue, N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan.
6. That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith shall be and the same are hereby rescinded.

Motion by Commissioner Vander Molen, seconded by Commissioner Morren, that the resolution be adopted.  
Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

#### EXHIBIT A

#### COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

#### NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS TO ELECTORS AND TAX PAYERS OF THE COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN, SECURED BY THE LIMITED FULL FAITH AND CREDIT OF THE COUNTY AND THE RIGHT OF REFERENDUM THEREON

#### PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THE COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

(the "County") intends to issue capital improvement bonds in a maximum amount of not to exceed \$22,000,000.

The bonds shall be issued for the purpose of paying all or a portion of the costs of the County (a) to provide a new boiler room for the Community Re-entry Center building located in the Kent County Fuller Campus (the "Fuller-Campus") at 1330 Bradford Street, N.E., in the City of Grand Rapids (the "City") consisting of two hot water boilers, a domestic water heater and storage tank, (b) to provide a new boiler room for the Health Department building located in the Fuller Campus at 700 Fuller Avenue, N.E., in the City consisting of two hot water boilers, a domestic water heater and storage tank, (c) to provide a new or renovated energy center, including all mechanical and electrical systems, for the Spectrum Health building located in the Fuller Campus at 750 Fuller Avenue, N.E., in the City, (d) to remodel the existing network180 building located in the Fuller Campus at 728 Fuller Avenue, N.E., in the City and add an approximately 27,000 square foot addition to such building, (e) to demolish the existing animal shelter facility and construct a new 22,000 to 25,000 square foot animal shelter facility in the Fuller Campus at 711 Ball Avenue, N.E., in the City, (f) to provide upgrades and revisions to the main entrance to the Fuller Campus and to improve the primary circulation route between Fuller Avenue, N.E., and Ball Avenue, N.E., and provide additional and/or modified access to parking areas in the Fuller Campus, and (g) to acquire and construct a new approximately 40,000 square foot building to be occupied by the 63rd Judicial District Court to be located within the jurisdiction of the 63<sup>rd</sup> District Court in the County.

The bonds to be issued shall mature within the maximum term permitted by law with interest on the unpaid balance at a rate not to exceed the maximum rate permitted by law. The bonds will be issued pursuant to Act 34 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 2001, as amended.

#### SOURCE OF PAYMENT

The principal of and interest on said bonds shall be payable from the general revenues of the County and shall be secured by the full faith and credit pledge of the County within constitutional and statutory limitations.

**RIGHT OF REFERENDUM**

The bonds will be issued without a vote of the electors unless within 45 days from the date of publication of this notice, a petition signed by not less than 15,000 of the registered electors residing within the County has been filed with the County Clerk requesting a referendum upon the question of the issuance of said bonds, then the bonds shall not be issued until approved by the vote of the majority of the electors of the County qualified to vote and voting thereon at a general or special election.

This notice is published pursuant to the requirements of 517 of Act 34 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 2001, as amended.

Mary Hollinrake  
County Clerk

**9-13-07-95 – LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT POOL – GRAND VALLEY METROPOLITAN COUNCIL / TREASURER**

WHEREAS, the Treasurer of Kent County ("County Treasurer") is authorized, upon resolution of the County Board of Commissioners, to establish a local government investment pool ("investment pool") pursuant to Section 3 of the Local Governmental Investment Pool Act, and to contract with various local units of government ("local units") within the County for the deposit of money in the investment pool; and

WHEREAS, the treasurer or other chief fiscal officer of the local unit, upon resolution of the governing body of the local unit, is authorized to enter into a contract with the County Treasurer for deposit of money in the investment pool pursuant to Section 3 of the Local Governmental Investment Pool act; and

WHEREAS, Section 5 of the Local Governmental Investment Pool Act requires the parties to set forth the terms and conditions regarding the deposit of money in the investment pool in a written contract; and

WHEREAS, Grand Valley Metropolitan Council has approved the contract for participation in the Local Government Investment Pool; and

WHEREAS, the Finance and Physical Resources Committee recommends the County Treasurer be authorized to contract with Grand Valley Metropolitan Council for purposes of participating in the Local Government Investment Pool.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Treasurer to enter into a contract with Grand Valley Metropolitan Council to participate in the Local Government Investment Pool.

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

**9-13-07-96 – AMENDMENT TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE KENT COUNTY DISPATCH AGREEMENT / ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE**

WHEREAS, the municipalities of Wyoming, Walker, Grandville, Grand Rapids, and the Kent County Board of Commissioners formally

established the Kent County Dispatch Authority in 2006 by approving the Authority Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Administrative Policy Board of the Kent County Dispatch Authority unanimously voted on July 19, 2007 to recommend to the participating municipalities that a member of the Kent County Emergency Medical Services, Inc. be added to the Authority Board; and

WHEREAS, Kent County Emergency Medical Services, Inc. has been designated by the Emergency Medical Service Division of the Michigan Department of Community Health as the Medical Control Authority for Kent County pursuant to MCL333.20918; and

WHEREAS, the Authority Agreement requires approval by the Kent County Board of Commissioners and at least 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of the Participating Municipalities to be enacted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approve the addition of the Kent County Emergency Medical Services, Inc., or other agency as appointed to be the Medical Control Authority for Kent County, as a supporting entity of the Kent County Dispatch Authority; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves the amendment to the agreement subject to approval of at least 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of the City Commissions of Grand Rapids, Grandville, Walker and Wyoming.

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

### **REPORTS**

There were no reports.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **Health Policy**

Commissioner Mayhue said that, with the recent St. Mary's health scare, it is important for a policy to be in place to warn the community of any potential health risk.

Commissioner Dillon sent a letter to Chair Morgan in which he suggests the Board ask the Health Department to create a policy of "duty to warn." (The letter was signed by Commissioners Bulkowski, Dillon, Hennessy, Mayhue, and Vaughn.)

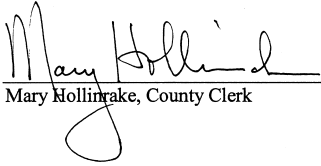
#### **Local contractors for local projects**

Commissioner Vaughn reiterated that he would like to see local contractors & their employees hired to do the many construction projects that Kent County has going on.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:36 p.m., Commissioner Tanis moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, September 27, 2007, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 8:30 a.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Klein. Motion carried.

  
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Roger C. Morgan, Chair

  
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Mary Hollirake, County Clerk

# PROCEEDINGS

of the  
**Kent County Board of Commissioners**  
**September 27, 2007 – Regular Meeting**

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

**Present:** Commissioners Agee, Boelema, Bulkowski, Dillon, Hennessy, Hiddema, Klein, Mast, Mayhue, Morren, Parrish, Rolls, Tanis, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Vonk, Voorhees, Wahlfield, Chair Morgan - 19.

**Absent:** None.

**Invocation:** Commissioner Rolls introduced Josh VanTil, Pastor of Music and Worship at River Rock Church, who gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

### SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

#### Human Services Complex Project Update

Assistant Administrator Wayman Britt & Facilities Management Director Bob Mihos gave an update on the Human Services Complex Project. They introduced Craig Nicely and Dan LaMore from the architect and construction team of Design Plus, Inc. and The Christman Company. This \$27 million-dollar project will be located at 121 Franklin, and consist of a three-story structure encompassing 137,000 square feet with LEED certification. Housed at this location will be the health clinic (which has been at this location and is now, temporarily, at the Fuller location), ACSET and Department of Human Services. Neighborhood meetings began 1½ years ago, the most recent held September 25<sup>th</sup>, at which the final design and construction plans were reviewed. They plan to hold periodic meetings to update the community. The groundbreaking is scheduled for October 29, 2007, with demolition of existing buildings expected in December 2007. New construction will begin in January 2008, with completion expected in May 2009. The move date is June 1, 2009. A subcommittee will be formed to discuss recognizing community leaders who have had a positive impact in human services.

### CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of September 13, 2007 Meeting
- b) September 18, 2007 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes (Reports of Claims and Allowances)
- c) Appointments to the Board of Canvassers: Fred Overeem & Nancy Giar
- d) Resolutions:

**9-27-07-97 – FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA)  
HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT BUDGET AMENDMENT / DRAIN  
COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners accepted the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant and appropriated \$570,000 via resolution 02-10-05-16; and

WHEREAS, this grant provides funds for the purchase of flood prone properties located along York Creek; the purchase of these properties and the construction of a flood storage shelf on each property will remove flood prone structures and reduce downstream flooding in other areas; and

WHEREAS, the Hazard Mitigation Grants benefits the York Creek Drain Drainage District. The matching funds will be provided by apportioning the costs to the benefiting communities, which have advised the Drain Commissioner to proceed with this application. In addition to Kent County, other governmental units sharing in the cost are the State of Michigan, City of Walker, Plainfield Township and Alpine Township; and

WHEREAS, the Drain Commissioner has received notice that the State of Michigan Emergency Management Divisions has \$24,600 in additional pass-through funds from FEMA for Hazard Mitigation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the appropriation of an additional \$24,600 in revenues from FEMA to the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program in the Special Projects Fund.

**9-27-07-98 – AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF  
THE GRAND VALLEY METRO COUNCIL – ADD CITIES OF  
LOWELL & BELDING / BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, the members of Grand Valley Metropolitan Council (Metro Council) have by majority vote approved Amendment Nos. 33 and 34 in the Articles of Incorporation of Metro Council; and

WHEREAS, the amendments have now been submitted for approval by the legislative bodies of the local governmental units that belong to Metro Council; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Kent have considered Amendment Nos. 33 and 34 in the Articles of Incorporation of Metro Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Amendment Nos. 33 and 34 in the Articles of Incorporation of Grand Valley Metropolitan Council, approving the addition of the City of Lowell and the City of Belding as members of the Metro Council, is hereby approved.

Motion by Commissioner Rolls, seconded by Commissioner Vaughn, to approve the consent agenda items.

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

**RESOLUTIONS****9-27-07-99 – AUTHORIZATION OF A WINTER 2007 (DECEMBER 1, 2007)  
DEDICATED MILLAGE PROPERTY TAX LEVY / FISCAL  
SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the County Administrator/Controller is considering a recommended budget for the year 2008, which outlines requirements for revenues and expenditures to support operations/capital programming; and

WHEREAS, the preliminary recommended budget includes spending requests for operating/debt service requirements of the County Corrections/Detention and programming for Senior Services; and

WHEREAS, the preliminary recommended budget requires the levy of 0.7893 mills for Correctional and Detention operations/debt service and 0.3244 mills for Senior Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby certifies a December 1, 2007, levy of taxation of 1.1137 mills which includes the levy 0.7893 mills for debt service related to operations and facilities of County Corrections/Detention 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 Tanis, seconded by Commissioner Vander Molen, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

**9-27-07-100 – OCTOBER 1 BUDGETS FOR FY 2008 / FISCAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Finance and Physical Resources Committee will begin to review the Recommended FY 2008 Budget in detail in November 6, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the resolution for the FY 2008 General Appropriation Act resolution will be presented to the Kent County Board for adoption on December 13, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Health, Childcare, DHS Childcare, and Friend of the Court Funds will have a three month interim budget pending adoption of the State budget and the County's 2008 budget. The remaining nine months of these budgets will be presented to the Kent County Board for adoption on December 13, 2007; and

WHEREAS, estimated total revenues and appropriations for the October 1, 2007, through September 30, 2008, fiscal year Budgets are recommended as follows:

<b>Special Revenue Funds</b>	<b>Revenues</b>	<b>Appropriations</b>
Health*	\$6,650,460	\$6,650,460
Childcare*	5,787,921	5,787,921
DHS Childcare*	2,530,319	2,530,319
Friend of the Court*	2,182,124	2,182,124
Special Projects	4,611,296	4,612,417
Veterans Trust	66,264	66,264
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$21,828,384</b>	<b>\$21,829,505</b>

\* 3 month interim budget – 10/1/ 2007 through 12/31/2007.



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby appropriates \$21,829,505 from estimated revenues and Special Projects Fund reserves to Special Revenue Funds for the October 1, 2007, through September 30, 2008, budgets for FY 2008.

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

**9-27-07-101 – LABOR AGREEMENT: POAM (PATROL OFFICERS, SERGEANTS, EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION OPERATORS, EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION SUPERVISORS) / HUMAN RESOURCES**

WHEREAS, the County of Kent and the Police Officers Association of Michigan representing the Patrol Officers, Sergeants, Emergency Communication Operators, and Emergency Communication Supervisors have negotiated a labor agreement; and

WHEREAS, the agreement provides for a 2.0% increase to base wages (effective January 1, 2006) and a 1.5% increase (effective July 1, 2006), a 1.5% increase effective January 1, 2007, a 1.5% increase effective July 1, 2007, a 2.75% increase effective January 1, 2008, and a 2.5% increase effective January 1, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the total addition to base salary costs over the life of the contract is \$3,098,485 and the total addition to wage-based benefit costs is \$466,861; and

WHEREAS, the annual base wage with scheduled increases is approximately \$12.9 million and the total four-year increase to salary and benefit costs is \$3,586,908; 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 four-year labor agreement for the period January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2009, between the County of Kent and the Police Officers Association of Michigan representing Patrol Officers, Sergeants, Emergency Communication Operators and Emergency Communication Supervisors.

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

**REPORTS**

There were no reports.

**MISCELLANEOUS****Pulaski Days**

Commissioner Hennessy announced that she will participate in a kielbasa eating contest between city and county commissioners at Pulaski Days.

**Appointment Subcommittee**

Chair Morgan announced that he has appointed Commissioners Agee, Boelema, Klein, Vander Molen and Vaughn to serve, along with him, on the Appointment Subcommittee.

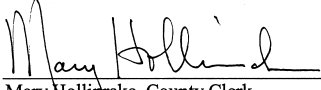
**Human Services Recognition Subcommittee**

Chair Morgan appointed Commissioners Klein and Vaughn to serve as co-chairs of the Human Services Recognition Subcommittee.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:12 a.m., Commissioner Rolls moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, October 11, 2007, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 8:30 a.m., for an Official/Annual Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Klein. Motion carried.

  
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Roger C. Morgan, Chair

  
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Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk

# PROCEEDINGS

## of the Kent County Board of Commissioners October 11, 2007 – Regular Meeting

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

**Present:** Commissioners Boelema, Bulkowski, Dillon, Hennessy, Hiddema, Klein, Mayhue, Morren, Parrish, Rolls, Tanis, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Vonk, Voorhees, Wahlfield, Chair Morgan - 17.

**Absent:** Agee, Mast (Excused) - 2.

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

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Sidney Deans, 843 Dickinson SE, Grand Rapids – He questioned whether the needs of the average citizen are being met versus the County spending dollars for parks, trails and other “luxury” items. He is very concerned about the quality of water and the effect that potential leaching from landfills could have on ground water.

### CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of September 27, 2007 Meeting
- b) October 2, 2007 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes  
(Reports of Claims and Allowances)
- c) Appointment to the Department of Human Services Board: Jerry Kooiman
- d) Resolutions:

### 10-11-07-102 – 2007 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.

**10-11-07-103 – ACCEPT GRANT FROM AREA COMMUNITY SERVICE  
EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING (ACSET) / FRIEND OF THE  
COURT**

WHEREAS, for at least the last twelve 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, in the past, the grant paid approximately 100% of the salaries and benefits for three existing positions; and

WHEREAS, this year it is projected that the grant funding at the 100% level will last through approximately July 31, 2008; and

WHEREAS, to fund the three positions for the whole year, it will cost approximately \$196,339 or \$24,531 more than the grant amount; and

WHEREAS, because the Fiscal Policy on Grants requires Board approval for continuation funding, FOC will submit a cost-benefit analysis and supplemental funding request on or before March 31, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the contract period is October 1, 2007, to September 30, 2008.

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 the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby appropriate \$171,808 from ACSET to the Friend of the Court Fund; 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 or County Administrator to sign the contract documents, as appropriate.

(Commissioner Dillon requested that Item C – Appointment to the DHS Board be removed from the consent agenda.)

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

c) Appointments to the DHS Board: Jerry Kooiman

Motion by Commissioner Boelema, seconded by Commissioner Morren, that Jerry Kooiman be appointed to the Department of Human Services Board.

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

**RESOLUTIONS****10-11-07-104 – CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION  
GRANT FOR THE CHILDREN'S ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH  
INITIATIVE / HEALTH**

WHEREAS, the Health Department has received notice that \$111,456 in grant funds are available from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to expand the Children's Environmental Health Collaborative to focus on environmental issues that affect children in Kent County; and

WHEREAS, the grant funds will be used to develop a three-year strategic plan, create a matrix of Kent County-specific environmental issues and their relative risk, form functional workgroups on specific toxics, implement a comprehensive education and prevention campaign regarding children's environmental health issues, and develop three Grand Rapids-targeted projects that will be the focus of the Children's Environmental Health Collaborative; and

WHEREAS, the grant will fund one full-time Public Health Program Supervisor position (UAW 26). This position will develop the infrastructure and enhance the capacity of the existing Children's Environmental Health Collaborative by providing leadership and coordination to the collaborative. The total cost of salary and benefits for this position is \$68,918. In addition, the grant will fund \$19,047 to support existing staff in the supervision and completion of the grant objectives; and

WHEREAS, the remaining \$23,491 of grant funds will be used for supplies, travel, and contractual services; and

WHEREAS, the costs for this grant have been included in the Health Department's 2008 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 accept funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for the Children's Environmental Health Initiative and approves adding one full-time Public Health Program Supervisor position (UAW 26) subject to the Fiscal Policy on Grants.

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

**10-11-07-105 – APPROVAL OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND  
BUDGETING CONTRACT (CPBC) FOR FY 2008 / HEALTH**

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Planning Budget 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 last year's levels. However, due to the lack of an adopted budget by the State, budget amendment(s) related to the CPBC contract may be necessary as more certain funding levels become known; and

WHEREAS, revenues and expenses related to the CPBC agreement were used to prepare the Health Department's 2008 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves the Health Department's Comprehensive Planning and Budgeting Contract (CPBC) for FY 2008.

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

#### **10-11-07-106 – LEPARD PRESERVE PARKING AND TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS / PARKS**

WHEREAS, in 2003, 51.65 acres of land in Caledonia Township (at 76<sup>th</sup> and Broadmoor) was donated to Kent County with the expectation that the property would be used as a nature preserve and for outdoor education; and

WHEREAS, through Resolution 11-26-02-172, the Board of Commissioners accepted this donation with the understanding that Caledonia Township would commit funding for the development of parking and trails at the park; and

WHEREAS, cost estimates for the parking lot and interpretive trail total \$64,193; and

WHEREAS, on September 5, 2007, the Board of Trustees of Caledonia Township approved funding of \$64,193 to be provided to Kent County for parking and trail improvements; and

WHEREAS, a \$64,193 appropriation to the CIP Fund is required to proceed with development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the addition of the Lepard Preserve Improvement Project to the 2007 Capital Improvement Program, and to appropriate \$64,193 from Caledonia Township to the 2007 CIP Fund budget for the project.

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

#### **REPORTS**

##### **Downtown Development Authority**

Commissioner Mayhue stated that the DDA's recent report indicates that, since 2006, 32 construction projects have been completed and, currently, there are \$1 billion dollars of construction projects underway. There is a proposal forthcoming to expand the Grand Rapids DDA district along with a plan that may reduce the tax burden in the area for participating units of government.

Chair Morgan thanked Commissioner Mayhue and stated the County will review the proposal when it is received and compare it to our established policy.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

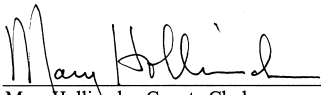
**Appointment Subcommittee**

Chair Morgan announced that the Appointment Subcommittee meeting will follow this meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:54 a.m., Commissioner Boelema moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, October 25, 2007, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 8:30 a.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Vander Molen. Motion carried.

  
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Roger C. Morgan, Chair

  
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Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk

# PROCEEDINGS

## of the Kent County Board of Commissioners October 25, 2007 – Regular Meeting

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

**Present:** Commissioners Dillon, Hennessy, Hiddema, Klein, Mast, Mayhue, Morren, Parrish, Rolls, Tanis, Vaughn, Vonk, Voorhees, Wahlfield, Chair Morgan - 15.

**Absent:** Agee, Boelema, Bulkowski, Vander Molen (Excused) - 4.

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

### **SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

#### **Legal Assistance Center Update**

Jon Muth, Trustee of the Legal Assistance Center ("LAC") Board, said that ten years ago he introduced the Board of Commission to the concept of the Legal Assistance Center for the new Courthouse. His purpose today is two-fold: to thank the Board for its continued support, and to give an update on what those joint efforts have accomplished. He introduced Nelson Miller, President of the LAC Board.

As President of the LAC Board, Mr. Miller spends time every week at the Mel Trotter Mission, DeGage Ministries, and the Hispanic Center making referrals to the LAC. By doing this, he not only sees the needs, but how they are provided for by the LAC. The LAC fills some of the gaps in services provided by Legal Aid and pro bono attorneys. Approximately 45-80% of those appearing in our courts are unrepresented and, until the LAC, these individuals had little means by which to obtain the forms and information on basic procedures. Pro per litigants are ill prepared. The Center opened in March of 2002, and has served over 51,000 clients. Of the 1,100 patrons served every month, most are below the poverty line. He introduced Valerie Ambrose, Executive Director of the LAC.

Ms. Ambrose said that the LAC would like to expand services and make the justice system even more accessible by: 1) sponsoring a clinic for law students to work with in pro pers; 2) partnering with more community organizations; 3) establishing online linkages through the library system so that people can access information and the forms to pursue court matters; and, 4) pursuing additional funding resources. They are setting up a patron club program and pursuing grants and bequests as well as individual and corporate donors to help underwrite their services.



**CONSENT AGENDA**

- a) Approval of the Minutes of October 11, 2007 Meeting
- b) October 16, 2007 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes (Reports of Claims and Allowances)
- c) Establish Public Hearing Date and Time – November 15, 2007, 8:30 a.m.:
  - 1) Proposed 2008 millage rates and 2008 budget
  - 2) Soil Erosion Ordinance
- d) Resolutions:

**10-25-07-107 – KENT HEALTH PLAN CONTRACT 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; and

WHEREAS, the Kent Health Plan will contract with the County to provide primary prevention programming and substance abuse prevention programming. The County will subcontract with existing providers (Child & Family Resource Council and network180) to provide prevention programming services funded through the Prevention Initiative; and

WHEREAS, Corporate Counsel has reviewed the proposed contract and is satisfied with the proposed contractual relationships.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves a one-year contract (October 1, 2007 – September 30, 2008) with the Kent Health Plan for delivery of eligible services provided by the County.

(Commissioner Hiddema requested that Item C – Establish Public Hearing Date and Time be removed from the Consent Agenda.)

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Wahlfeld, Voorhees, Vonk, Vaughn, Tanis, Rolls, Parrish, Morren, Mayhue, Mast, Klein, Hiddema, Hennessy, Dillon, Chair Morgan – 15.

Nays: 0.

- c) Establish Public Hearing Date and Time – November 15, 2007, 8:30 a.m.:
  - 1) Proposed 2008 millage rates and 2008 budget
  - 2) Soil Erosion Ordinance

Motion by Commissioner Voorhees, seconded by Commissioner Morren, that Item C – Establish Public Hearing Date and Time be approved.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Wahlfeld, Voorhees, Vonk, Vaughn, Tanis, Rolls, Parrish, Morren, Mayhue, Mast, Klein, Hiddema, Hennessy, Dillon, Chair Morgan – 15.

Nays: 0.

**RESOLUTIONS****10-25-07-108 – LAND ACQUISITION AGREEMENT FOR THE EXPANSION OF CHIEF HAZY CLOUD PARK / PARKS**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners approved (resolution 7-27-06-71) submittal of a grant request to the Michigan DNR Trust Fund seeking funding to expand Chief Hazy Cloud Park; and

WHEREAS, based on estimated purchase costs of \$1.5 million, the DNR awarded a grant to the County of up to 74 percent (an estimated \$1,110,000) of purchase costs; and

WHEREAS, the 96-acre parcel to be acquired meets the 2003 Kent County Parks \*Recreation and Natural Areas Master Plan's priority of acquiring land adjacent to existing County Park land and preserving land rich in natural resources in that the proposed parcel included 1,900 feet of Grand River frontage; and

WHEREAS, to proceed with the grant award, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requires a resolution by the County Board of Commissioners approving the terms of the DNR Land Acquisition Project Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement has been reviewed and approved as to form by Corporate Counsel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby approves a Land Acquisition Agreement with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to fund 74 percent of the acquisition costs to expand Chief Hazy Cloud Park; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board appropriates up to \$1,110,000 to the Parks Acquisition and Development Budget.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Wahlfield, Voorhees, Vonk, Vaughn, Tanis, Rolls, Parrish, Morren, Mayhue, Mast, Klein, Hennessy, Dillon, Chair Morgan – 14.

Nays: Hiddema – 1.

**REPORTS**

There were no reports.

**MISCELLANEOUS****Request for Subcommittee**

Commissioner Hennessy stated that several commissioners had previously requested that a subcommittee be established to look at the public's right-to-know on potential health threats and risks as they come to the Health Department's attention. Although their initial request was rejected, the same group has sent a letter to Chair Morgan requesting that the County establish guidelines on when information is released, and how it is made available to the public.

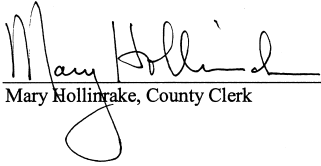
**Proclamation**

Commissioner Rolls announced that he will present a proclamation, on behalf of the Board, to John Varineau. Mr. Varineau has been with the Grand Rapids Symphony for 22 years and is currently celebrating his 20th anniversary with the Grand Rapids Youth Symphony. The proclamation will be presented to Mr. Varineau at the Grand Rapids Youth Symphony's concert on November 4<sup>th</sup> at the Forest Hills Fine Arts Auditorium.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:00 a.m., Commissioner Voorhees moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, November 15, 2007, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 8:30 a.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Klein. Motion carried.

  
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Roger C. Morgan, Chair

  
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Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk

# PROCEEDINGS

of the  
**Kent County Board of Commissioners**  
**November 15, 2007 – Regular Meeting**

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

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

**Absent:** Mast (Excused) - 1.

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

### PUBLIC COMMENT

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

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

### SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

#### Annual Employee Service Recognition

Chair Morgan presented the following employees with service awards:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Service Employee</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>
Circuit Court	Deborah Kammer	30
Friend of the Court	Eric Mis	25
Sheriff Department	Thomas Hillen	30
	Steven Meyer	25
	Robert Eubanks	25
	Michael Macgillivray	25
	Darrell Singleton	25

#### 2008 Budget Public Hearing

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

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

County Administrator Daryl Delabbio presented an overview of the budget (copy of which is on file in the Office of County Clerk).

There was no public comment.

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

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

**Soil Erosion Ordinance Public Hearing**

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

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

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

There was no public comment.

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

Abstain: Parrish, Bulkowski – 2.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

**REPORTS**

There were no reports.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

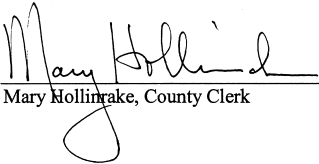
**Republican Caucus**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

  
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Roger C. Morgan, Chair

  
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Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk

# PROCEEDINGS

of the  
**Kent County Board of Commissioners**  
**December 13, 2007 – Regular Meeting**

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

**Present:** Commissioners Agee, Boelema, Bulkowski, Dillon, Hennessy, Hiddema, Klein, Mast, Mayhue, Morren, Parrish, Rolls, Tanis, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Vonk, Voorhees, Wahlfield, Chair Morgan - 19.

**Absent:** None.

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. David Bulkowski, 322 Woodmere SE, Grand Rapids - Distributed hand outs including "Getting There Together" (copy of which is in the Office of the County Clerk), a report that the Transit Summit produced in October 2005. The report's number one priority was countywide transportation. He spoke about the need for a countywide transportation system for people of all incomes, races, and abilities, and asked that Kent County help fund the proposed transportation needs assessment study.
2. Clark Goodrich, 4634 N. Breton Ct, Kentwood – As a Kentwood resident, he is very appreciative of the Kentwood Recycling center located two blocks from his home. Is supportive of the transportation study. A countywide transportation system would allow citizens the means to get together to do something positive.
3. Robert Mates, 4550 N. Breton Ct, Kentwood – As Co-Director of the Kent County Lutheran Outreach Center for the Blind, he knows first hand how important countywide transit is for Kent County. He moved from Sand Lake to Kentwood in order to get around. Asking for a ride takes away dignity from the blind. He supports the County giving funds for the transportation study.
4. Sue Sefton, 2641 Heathcliff SE, Grand Rapids & Sandra Ghosten-Jones, 5496 Greenboro Drive SE, Kentwood - Thanked the County for its interest in the transportation study. Transportation for seniors is very important and increased funds from the senior millage toward transportation have increased ridership along with efficiency. (Supports the study.)
5. Sherry Jousma, Comstock Park – She supports a countywide transportation system. As a blind person, she obtained 130 signatures in her area indicating a desire for extended public transportation. With no service in her area currently, she has to pay to get a ride to the bus stop. She asked for the opportunity to be independent.
6. Reverend Charles Homeyer, 3539 Quiggle SE, Cascade – As a Pastor in Kentwood and Co-chair of Faith in Motion, he comes in contact daily with people in need. He supports a countywide transportation system.



7. Tammy and Jackie Finn, 3787 Eagle Creek Ct, Grand Rapids – Here today as a mother whose daughter is disabled and in support of expanded bus service which would help Jackie and her friends get to jobs.

8. Casey Dutmers, 5940 Bayberry Farms SW, Wyoming – Expanded transportation is needed and he encouraged the County to contribute toward the study. As Co-chair for Concerned Citizens for Transportation, he supports the best transportation system that can be developed for this community.

9. Cindy Veers, 3322 Ramswood Ct, Plainfield – Asked the County to contribute toward the study. As a private citizen, she believes that people should be able to get where they need to go. Limited transportation options force some people to drive even when they are no longer capable.

10. Janet Anderson, Election Clerk - Plainfield – Citizens in Plainfield Township wanted transit expansion on their ballot in August. However, it was just on the ballots in 6 cities. She supports the County contributing toward the study.

11. Renee Lewis, 406 Carrier Street NE, Grand Rapids – While in Chicago, transportation was never a problem. Her mother is disabled and needs transportation to be independent. She supports the County contributing toward transportation expansion.

12. Robert Barnes, Executive Director Senior Neighbors – Seniors need to stay connected with their community with affordable countywide transportation. He supports studying future transportation needs.

13. Ken Scott, 2241 Mapleton Street NE, Grand Rapids - Representing United Veterans Council of Kent County and Army Navy Club of Grand Rapids who honor veterans twice a year on Veterans Day and Memorial Day. They ask that Kent County help by co-sponsoring these two events with the City of Grand Rapids.

14. Rae Bauer, Grand Rapids – Living with multiple sclerosis has made transportation an issue for her. She believes it should be a basic human right to live independently and encourages the County to support a transportation expansion study.

15. Don Zerial, 7377 Cascade Terrace, Cascade - He is opposed to Kent County spending money on a transportation study.

16. Frank Lynn, 3646 Devon NE, Grand Rapids - The study for expanded transportation services is essential for our economy, and he encouraged the County to fund.

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

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

(Commissioner Morren left the meeting at this time.)

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a) Approval of the Minutes of November 15, 2007 Meeting

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

**12-13-07-112 – CONVENTION AND VISITOR'S BUREAU CONTRACT  
APPROVAL / ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE**

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

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

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

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

**12-13-07-113 – MEDICAL SUPPORT POSITION CONTINUATION / 17<sup>TH</sup>  
CIRCUIT COURT / FRIEND OF THE COURT**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners authorize commitment of HOME funds to Station Pointe Limited Dividend Housing Association, Limited Partnership, and

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

**12-13-07-116 – 2007 APPORTIONMENT REPORT – AMENDMENT  
– SPENCER TOWNSHIP / BUREAU OF EQUALIZATION**

WHEREAS, the General Property Tax Law, (PA 206 of 1983), outlines the responsibility of the Board of Commissioners with respect to the annual Apportionment Report. The Board of Commissioners examines certificates of each local taxing jurisdiction and directs millage rates to be spread on taxable valuations; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners does hereby certify the amended millage rates of Spencer Township, thereby amending the 2007 Apportionment Report; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize and direct the Chair and the Clerk of the Board to sign the millage rate certificates for Spencer Township.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Emerald Ash Borer is an exotic boring beetle native to Asia that attacks ash trees. It was unknown to North America until its discovery in Michigan during the summer of 2002; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

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Motion carried:

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Nays: 0.

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Nays: 0.

Absent from room: Mast – 1.

**RESOLUTIONS**

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

WHEREAS, this resolution shall be known as the FY 2008 General Appropriation Act; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to MCLA 141.412 and 141.413, notice of a public hearing on the proposed budget was published in a newspaper of general circulation on November 5, 2007, and a public hearing on the proposed budget was held on November 15, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Kent County voters authorized millages of 0.7893 mills for correctional facility operations and debt service, and 0.3244 mills for senior services; and

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

WHEREAS, the Kent County Finance and Physical Resources Committee has reviewed the Recommended 2008 Budget in detail; and

WHEREAS, estimated total revenues and appropriations for the various funds are recommended as follows:

<u>FUND</u>	<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>
General Fund	\$164,069,142	\$164,018,488
Special Revenue Funds	83,179,147	96,470,915
Capital Project Funds	6,561,390	5,261,390
Internal Service Fund	25,157,976	24,750,300
Debt Service Funds	10,491,255	10,472,690
Component Unit Funds	59,132,521	59,062,521
Proprietary Funds	45,087,284	46,638,784

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the FY 2008 Appropriation Act as the official budget for FY 2008; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that County officials responsible for the appropriations authorized in the act may expend County funds up to, but not to exceed, the total appropriation authorized for each department or activity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board adopts the FY 2008 budgets for the various governmental funds by department or activity as follows:



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

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>Memorandum</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Estimated Revenues</b>			
Taxes	\$89,313,322	\$ -	\$89,313,322
Licenses & Permits	75,050	-	75,050
Intergovernmental	9,787,728	-	9,787,728
Charges for Services	19,265,496	-	19,265,496
Fines & Forfeitures	244,500	-	244,500
Investment Earnings	3,898,650	-	3,898,650
Reimbursements	8,043,901	-	8,043,901
Other	2,928,957	-	2,928,957
Transfers In	30,511,538	-	30,511,538
<b>Total Estimated Revenues</b>	<b>164,069,142</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>164,069,142</b>
Fund Balance Usage (Deposit)	(50,654)	-	(50,654)
<b>Total Estimated Revenues &amp; Other Sources</b>	<b>\$164,018,488</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$164,018,488</b>
<b>Appropriations</b>			
Circuit Court	\$18,269,764	\$ -	\$18,269,764
Clerk's Office	2,224,975	-	2,224,975
District Court	2,906,826	-	2,906,826
Drain Commission	609,666	-	609,666
Facilities Management	12,909,806	-	12,909,806
Fiscal Services	3,798,940	-	3,798,940
Information Technology	5,958,812	-	5,958,812
Policy/Administration	4,469,506	-	4,469,506
Sheriff's Department	60,435,277	-	60,435,277
Treasurer's Office	1,168,439	-	1,168,439
Parks Department	4,486,670	-	4,486,670
Probate Court – Mental & Estate Division	1,315,926	-	1,315,926
Intergovernmental	3,833,169	-	3,833,169
Bureau of Equalization	1,738,776	-	1,738,776
Human Resources	2,193,454	-	2,193,454
Prosecutor's – Criminal/Juvenile	6,150,578	-	6,150,578
Cooperative Extension Service	673,361	-	673,361
Medical Examiner	1,302,771	-	1,302,771
Soldiers & Sailors Relief	204,391	-	204,391
John Ball Zoological Gardens	4,370,229	-	4,370,229
Transfers Out	31,127,152	-	31,127,152
<b>Total Appropriations before Lapse</b>	<b>170,148,488</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>170,148,488</b>
Estimated Appropriation Lapse	(6,130,000)	-	(6,130,000)
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>\$164,018,488</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$164,018,488</b>

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

<b>SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>Memorandum*</b>	<b>Total Appropriation</b>
<b>Estimated Revenues</b>			
Taxes	\$28,288,653	\$ -	\$28,288,653
Licenses & Permits	8,951,547	2,959,517	1,570,948
Intergovernmental	16,111,946	11,501,558	37,953,619
Charges for Services	2,343,465	512,155	2,855,620
Fines & Forfeitures	289,658	81,754	371,412
Investment Earnings	1,847,510	-	1,847,510
Reimbursements	2,742,463	949,155	3,691,618
Other	433,626	107,820	541,446
Transfers In	22,170,280	7,993,584	30,163,864
<b>Total Estimated Revenues</b>	<b>83,179,147</b>	<b>24,105,543</b>	<b>107,284,690</b>
Fund Balance Usage (Deposit)	13,291,768	1,121	13,292,889
<b>Total Estimated Revenues &amp; Other Sources</b>	<b>\$96,470,915</b>	<b>\$24,106,664</b>	<b>\$120,577,579</b>
<b>Appropriations</b>			
Fire Commission	\$521,608	\$ -	\$521,608
Friend of the Court	6,534,619	2,182,124	8,716,743
Health Department	19,953,381	6,650,460	26,603,841
Lodging Excise Tax	5,776,969	-	5,776,969
Correction & Detention Millage	18,538,265	-	18,538,265
Senior Millage	7,176,801	-	7,176,801
Register of Deeds-Automation Fund	663,373	-	663,373
Community Development	-	2,260,159	2,260,159
Drug Law Enforcement Fund	141,208	-	141,208
Child Care	17,356,262	5,787,921	23,144,183
DHS Child Care	7,590,956	2,530,319	10,121,275
Revenue Sharing Reserve Fund	11,511,538	-	11,511,538
Veteran's Trust	-	66,264	66,264
SP - Agricultural Preservation	37,381	-	37,381
SP - Circuit Court-Com Corrections Admin	-	2,126,637	2,126,637
SP - Circuit Court-Com Corrections Grant	-	229,900	229,900
SP - Circuit Court-Family Counseling	73,000	-	73,000
SP - Circuit Court-Juve Donations/Incentives	-	4,621	4,621
SP - Drain Commission-Special Assessment	70,166	-	70,166
SP - FM Fallasburg Dam	16,374	-	16,374
SP - FOC Access & Visitation Grant	-	17,000	17,000
SP - Parks Kent Trails	21,880	-	21,880
SP - Prosecutor's-Cooperative Reimbursement	-	1,626,291	1,626,291
SP - Remonumentation Program	161,000	-	161,000
SP - Sheriff-Drug Enforcement	-	92,483	92,483
SP - Sheriff-Gifts - Honor Camp	6,000	-	6,000
SP - Sheriff-Gifts - Jail	115,000	-	115,000
SP - Sheriff-Local Correction Officers Train	146,000	-	146,000
SP - Sheriff-Michigan Dispatch Training	14,134	-	14,134
SP - Sheriff-Michigan Justice Training	45,000	-	45,000
SP - Sheriff-Secondary Road Patrol	-	532,485	532,485
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>\$96,470,915</b>	<b>\$24,106,664</b>	<b>\$120,577,579</b>

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

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County of Kent, Michigan**

<b>CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS</b>	<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>Memorandum</b>	<b>Total Appropriation</b>
<b>Estimated Revenues</b>			
Taxes	\$4,289,119	\$ -	\$4,289,119
Investment Earnings	1,300,000	-	1,300,000
Intergovernmental	404,271	-	404,271
Other	568,000	-	568,000
<b>Total Estimated Revenues</b>	<b>6,561,390</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,561,390</b>
Fund Balance Usage (Deposit)	(1,300,000)	-	(1,300,000)
<b>Total Estimated Revenues &amp; Other Sources</b>	<b>\$5,261,390</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$5,261,390</b>
<b>Appropriations</b>			
Capital Improvement Program	5,261,390	\$ -	5,261,390
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>\$5,261,390</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$5,261,390</b>

<b>INTERNAL SERVICE FUND</b>	<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>Memorandum</b>	<b>Total Appropriation</b>
<b>Estimated Revenues</b>			
Charges for Services	\$1,865,000	\$ -	\$1,865,000
Investment Earnings	106,500	-	106,500
Reimbursements	23,161,476	-	23,161,476
Other	25,000	-	25,000
<b>Total Estimated Revenues</b>	<b>25,157,976</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,157,976</b>
Fund Balance Usage (Deposit)	(407,676)	-	(407,676)
<b>Total Estimated Revenues &amp; Other Sources</b>	<b>\$24,750,300</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$24,750,300</b>
<b>Appropriations</b>			
Risk Management	\$24,750,300	\$ -	\$24,750,300
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>\$24,750,300</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$24,750,300</b>

<b>DEBT SERVICE FUNDS</b>	<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>Memorandum</b>	<b>Total Appropriation</b>
<b>Estimated Revenues</b>			
Other	\$7,887,332	\$ -	\$7,887,332
Transfers In	2,603,933	-	2,603,933
<b>Total Estimated Revenues</b>	<b>10,491,255</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,491,255</b>
Fund Balance Usage (Deposit)	(18,565)	-	(18,565)
<b>Total Estimated Revenues &amp; Other Sources</b>	<b>\$10,472,690</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$10,472,690</b>
<b>Appropriations</b>			
Building Authority Debt Service Fund	\$9,058,526	\$ -	\$9,058,526
Debt Service Fund	1,414,164	-	1,414,164
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>\$10,472,690</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$10,472,690</b>

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<b>COMPONENT UNIT FUNDS</b>	<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>Memorandum*</b>	<b>Total Appropriation</b>
<b>Estimated Revenues</b>			
Intergovernmental	\$4,464,992	\$3,491,592	\$7,956,584
Charges for Services	50,593,359	-	50,593,359
Investment Earnings	2,290,200	-	2,290,200
Reimbursements	480,000	-	480,000
Other	1,303,970	-	1,303,970
Transfers In	-	-	-
<b>Total Estimated Revenues</b>	<b>59,132,521</b>	<b>3,491,592</b>	<b>62,624,113</b>
Fund Balance Usage (Deposit)	(70,000)	-	(70,000)
<b>Total Estimated Revenues &amp; Other Sources</b>	<b>\$59,062,521</b>	<b>\$3,491,592</b>	<b>\$62,554,113</b>

**Appropriations**

Housing Commission	\$ -	\$3,491,592	\$3,491,592
Social Welfare	3,362,000	-	3,362,000
DPW Act 185 Bond Fund	1,512,992	-	1,512,992
DPW Administration & Finance	793,600	-	793,600
DPW Water & Sewer Division	4,295,000	-	4,295,000
DPW Solid Waste/Landfill Operations	9,004,420	-	9,004,420
DPW Waste-to-Energy Operations	40,094,509	-	40,094,509
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>\$59,062,521</b>	<b>\$3,491,592</b>	<b>\$62,554,113</b>

<b>PROPRIETARY FUNDS</b>	<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>Memorandum</b>	<b>Total Appropriation</b>
<b>Estimated Revenues</b>			
Taxes	\$ 1,685,000	\$ -	\$1,685,000
Intergovernmental	4,200,000	-	4,200,000
Charges for Services	19,686,301	-	19,686,301
Fines & Forfeitures	5,000	-	5,000
Investment Earnings	6,510,500	-	6,510,500
Reimbursements	190,000	-	190,000
Other	12,810,483	-	12,810,483
<b>Total Estimated Revenues</b>	<b>45,087,284</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>45,087,284</b>
Fund Balance Usage (Deposit)	1,551,500	-	1,551,500
<b>Total Estimated Revenues &amp; Other Sources</b>	<b>\$46,638,784</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$46,638,784</b>

**Appropriations**

Aeronautics	\$40,682,284	\$ -	\$40,682,284
Delinquent Tax Fund	5,956,500	-	5,956,500
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>\$46,638,784</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$46,638,784</b>

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that appropriations made for the available balances and outstanding encumbrances at fiscal year end for grants are continued in full force and effect and shall carry over to successive fiscal years until the grants are completed or otherwise terminated; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that appropriations made for the available balances and outstanding encumbrances at fiscal year end for capital projects are continued in full force and effect and shall carry over to successive fiscal years until the projects are completed or otherwise terminated; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that appropriations made for the outstanding purchase orders and contractual encumbrances at fiscal year end in the operating funds are continued in full force and effect and shall carry over to successive fiscal years until the projects are completed or otherwise terminated; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Administrator/Controller shall provide the Kent County Finance and Physical Resources Committee, at the end of each fiscal quarter, a report of year to date revenues and expenditures compared to the budgeted amounts in the various funds of the County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that whenever it appears to the Kent County Administrator/Controller or the Kent County Board that the actual and probable revenues in any fund will be less than the estimated revenues upon which appropriations from such fund were based, or when it appears that expenditures will exceed an appropriation, the County Administrator/Controller shall present to the County Board recommendations to prevent expenditures from exceeding available revenues and reserves or appropriations for the budget year. Such recommendations may include proposals for reducing appropriations, increasing revenues or a combination thereof.

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

**12-13-07-122 – REGIONAL JAIL STUDY CONTRACT / ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE**

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

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves a contract between CRS, Inc. and the

counties of Kent, Kalamazoo, and Allegan for a not-to-exceed price of \$95,360 \$96,000 (of which (with \$31,786.67 is 2,000 as the Kent County's share) to perform a Regional Jail Feasibility Study, and to authorize the Board Chair to sign the agreement and associated documents.

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: Dillon - 1.

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, as part of the subcommittee's research and review, its members met with representatives from the Kent County Road Commission, Kent County Prosecutor's Office, Ottawa County Drain Commission, Cascade Township Planning Department, and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Subcommittee members also met with representatives from local units of government to gather their input regarding a potential ordinance; and

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

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

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

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners annually allocates funds to the Department of Human Services (DHS) to be awarded by the DHS

Board following a review of proposals submitted by various community or social service agencies. Funds are separated into two categories; and

WHEREAS, programs funded by the Discretionary Funds are those that are not traditionally recurring expenses, and the DHS Board recommends funding \$115,680 to twelve agencies for thirteen projects in this category; and

WHEREAS, programs included in the Current Unmet Needs category are those agencies and programs that annually receive assistance due to an absence of other funding sources, their ability to leverage significant other resources, or are in support of a cooperative effort of multiple funding sources. The 2008 recommendation includes \$330,575 to fund eleven programs for Current Unmet Needs.

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

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

Abstain: Mast, Parrish – 2.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

**REPORTS**

There were no reports.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**Employee Service Awards**

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

**Senate Bills**

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

**Soil Erosion Ordinance**

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

**Minority Contractors**

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

**Agenda**

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

**Merry Christmas**

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

**Transportation**

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

**Transportation Subcommittee**

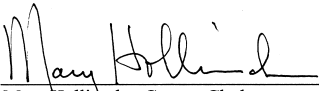
Commissioner Vander Molen stated that although the Transportation Subcommittee recognizes individuals' needs, they have asked the townships about their needs and are looking for those officials to participate. The Subcommittee's report is not completed yet and the County is not the end-all.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

  
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Roger C. Morgan, Chair

  
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Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk