

## KENT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

*Thursday, September 13, 2007  
Administration Building - Room 310*

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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

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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:

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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 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 (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

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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 MEMERSHIP 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 Hollinrake, County Clerk