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**Kent County's Board of Commissioners Start 2015 with
Oath of Office, Appointments**

GRAND RAPIDS – The Kent County Board of Commissioners started the new 2015 session off this morning with the annual Oath of Office for the Commissioners, including three new faces: Stan Stek (District 6), Matt Kallman (District 9) and Emily Post Brieve (District 10).

The Board then elected leadership: Dan Koorndyk (District 18) was re-elected unanimously to the role of Board of Commissioners Chair, while Jim Saalfeld (District 11) retained his role as Board Vice-Chair and Carol Hennessy (District 14) will continue to serve as Board of Commissioners Minority Party Vice-Chair.

There were also a number of appointments made to various county committees, commissions and boards. "These appointments are critical for moving Kent County forward," said Board Chair Dan Koorndyk. "From the Community Mental Health Authority Board, to the Gerald R. Ford International Airport Board, there are important decisions coming in 2015. Having solid leadership on these boards will allow us to provide the best service possible to our residents."

Committees and boards appointed by the Board of Commissioners include:

Agricultural Preservation Board	Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan – Advisory Council
Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan - Board of Directors	Canvassers
City/County Building Authority	Community Corrections Advisory Board
Community Health Advisory Committee	Community Mental Health Authority Board (network180)
Concealed Weapons Licensing Board	County Building Authority
Department of Human Services Board	Fire Commission
Foreign Trade Zone Board	Friend of the Court Citizens Advisory Committee
Gerald R. Ford International Airport (GRFIA) Board	Grand Rapids-Kent County Convention/Arena Authority
Grand Valley Metropolitan Council	Housing Commission (Board Chair Appointment)
Jury Commission	Kent County Family & Children's Coordinating Council
Kent District Library Board	Kent Hospital Finance Authority
Lakeshore Regional Entity Substance Abuse Oversight Policy Board	Land Bank Authority
Local Development Financing Authority (Board Chair Appointment)	Millennium Park Architectural Advisory Review Board
Officers' Compensation Commission (Board Chair Appointment)	Pension Board
Public Works Board	Remonumentation Peer Review Group
Road Commission Board	Solid Waste Management Planning Committee
Veteran's Affairs Committee	