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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	Thomas Antor
District 3	Roger C. Morgan
District 4	Gary L. Rolls
District 5	Sandra Frost Parrish
District 6	Michael J. Wawee Jr.
District 7	Stan Ponstein
District 8	Jack D. Boelema
District 9	Harold J. Voorhees
District 10	Bill Hirsch III
District 11	Jim Saalfeld
District 12	Harold Mast
District 13	Richard A. Vander Molen
District 14	Carol M. Hennessy
District 15	Dick Bulkowski
District 16	Jim Talen
District 17	Candace E. Chivis
District 18	Dan Koorndyk
District 19	Shana Shroll

Present: Commissioners Antor, Boelema, Bulkowski, Chivis, Hennessy, Hirsch, Koorndyk, Mast, Morgan, Parrish, Ponstein, Rolls, Saalfeld, Shroll, Talen, Vander Molen, Vonk, Voorhees, Wawee - 19.

Absent: None.

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

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chair

Clerk Hollinrake opened nominations for Chair of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Antor nominated Sandra Frost Parrish. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hirsch.

Motion by Commissioner Voorhees, seconded by Commissioner Talen, that the nominations be closed and that a unanimous ballot be cast for Commissioner Sandra Frost Parrish.  
Motion carried by voice vote.

Commissioner Sandra Frost Parrish was declared elected Chair of the Board of Commissioners.

Vice Chair

Chair Parrish opened nominations for Vice Chair.

Commissioner Voorhees nominated Commissioner Ted Vonk. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Morgan.

Motion by Commissioner Vander Molen, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, that the nominations be closed and that a unanimous ballot be cast for Commissioner Ted Vonk.

Motion carried by voice vote.

Commissioner Ted Vonk was declared elected Vice Chair of the Board of Commissioners.

Minority Vice Chair

Chair Parrish opened nominations for Minority Vice Chair.

Commissioner Morgan nominated Commissioner Carol Hennessy. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Voorhees.

Motion by Commissioner Ponstein to amend the Standing Rules to eliminate the Minority Vice Chair.

Motion died for lack of a second.

Motion by Commissioner Vander Molen, seconded by Commissioner Koorndyk, that the nominations be closed and that a unanimous ballot be cast for Commissioner Carol Hennessy.

Motion carried by voice vote.

Commissioner Carol Hennessy was declared elected Minority Vice Chair of the Board of Commissioners.

STANDING RULES AMENDMENT

Motion by Commissioner Vonk, seconded by Commissioner Rolls, to propose an amendment to the Standing Rules as follows: The second sentence of the first paragraph be amended so that the rule reads: *The Chair and Vice Chair of each Standing Committee **may** represent a different political party.* (The word **may** replaces "shall" - see full paragraph below.)

RULE ICHAIR AND VICE-CHAIRSection 1.0 Chair of the Board of Commissioners

At the first meeting in January of each year, the Kent County Board of Commissioners shall meet and elect from its membership a Chair who shall hold office for a period of one (1) year; pursuant to the exception provision of PA 156 of 1851 (MCLA § 46.3), as amended. The Chair and Vice Chair of each Standing Committee **may** represent a different political party. The Chair shall be elected by a majority of the Commissioners present at that meeting. It shall be the duty of the Chair to preside at all meetings of the Board to preserve order and to decide all questions of order. The Chair of the Board shall likewise be the Chair of joint Standing Committee meetings.

Motion to amend Standing Rules carried:

Yeas: Antor, Boelema, Hennessy, Koorndyk, Mast, Morgan, Ponstein, Rolls, Saalfeld, Shroll, Vander Molen, Vonk, Voorhees, Wawee, Chair Parrish  
- 15.

Nays: Bulkowski, Chivis, Hirsch, Talen - 4.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of Minutes of December 9, 2010 Meeting
- b) December 7, 2010 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes  
(Reports of Claims and Allowances)

Motion by Commissioner Vonk, seconded by Commissioner Vander Molen, that the consent agenda items be approved.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Antor, Boelema, Bulkowski, Chivis, Hennessy, Hirsch, Koorndyk, Mast, Morgan, Ponstein, Rolls, Saalfeld, Shroll, Talen, Vander Molen, Vonk, Voorhees, Wawee, Chair Parrish – 19.

Nays: 0.

APPOINTMENTS  
2011 STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance & PhysicalResources Committee

Harold Voorhees, Chair  
Carol Hennessy, Vice-Chair  
Tom Antor  
Jack Boelema  
Roger Morgan  
Gary Rolls  
Jim Saalfeld  
Jim Talen  
Dick Vander Molen

Legislative & HumanResources Committee

Ted Vonk, Chair  
Dan Koorndyk, Vice-Chair  
Dick Bulkowski  
Candace Chivis  
Bill Hirsch  
Harold Mast  
Stan Ponstein  
Shana Shroll  
Mike Wawee, Jr.

2011 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS BY CHAIRACSET

Candace Chivis  
Dan Koorndyk  
Sandi Parrish (by virtue of office)

County/Township Liaison

Bill Hirsch

Grand Rapids – Kent County Convention / Arena Authority Liaison Committee

Gary Rolls  
Shana Shroll  
Harold Voorhees

Grand Valley Metropolitan Council Transportation Division Policy Committee

Dick Bulkowski

Greater Grand Rapids Convention Bureau

Tom Antor  
Daryl Delabbio

Housing Commission

Thomas Dann

Human Services Committee

Sandi Parrish (by virtue of office)

Kent County Dispatch Authority

Dan Koorndyk

Larry Stelma

Local Development Financing Authority

Mary Swanson

Officers' Compensation Commission

Michelle McCloud (filling unexpired term)

Tom TerMaat

Carl Ver Beek

Pension Board

Roger Morgan

Senior Millage Review Committee

Jack Boelema

Harold Voorhees

The Right Place Inc.

Daryl Delabbio

VEBA Trust Board

Michelle Balcom

Amy Klapko

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

Motion by Commissioner Vonk, seconded by Commissioner Voorhees, that the Standing Committees and Annual Chair Appointments to Various Committees be approved.

Motion carried by voice vote.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES  
2011 BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

Aeronautics Board

Terri Lynn Land

Roger Morgan

Agricultural Preservation Board

Tom Antor

Gabe Hudson

Suzie Reinbold

Area Agency on Aging of Region VIII – Advisory Council

Jack Boelema

Frederick Deane

Area Agency on Aging of Region VIII – Board of Directors

Carol Hennessy  
Albert Page

Community Corrections Advisory Board

Donald Johnston  
Jayne Price  
Christine Tober  
Mike Wawee

Community Health Advisory Committee

Candace Chivis  
Candace Cowling  
Barbara Grinwis  
Lori Pearl-Kraus  
Savator Selden-Johnson  
Shana Shroll  
Mark Swan

Community Mental Health Authority Board

Nelson Grit  
Harold Mast  
Larry Oberst  
Clyde Sims, Jr.  
Jim Talen

County Building Authority

Ross Leisman (filling unexpired term)  
Dennis Mosson

Fire Commission

Tom Antor  
Alex Arends  
Bonnie Blackledge  
Don Hilton  
Dennis Hoemke  
Mike Wawee

Foreign Trade Zone Board (Kent, Ottawa, Muskegon)

Paul Howland  
James Saalfeld (filling unexpired term)

Friend of the Court Advisory Committee

Leah Brinks  
Chuck Riley  
Mark Vermeer

Grand Rapids – Kent County Convention/Arena Authority

Steven Heacock

Grand Valley Metropolitan Council

Carol Hennessy (filling unexpired term)  
James Saalfeld (filling unexpired term)

John Ball Zoo Advisory Board

James Burr  
Joel Hondorp  
Gary Rolls

Kent County Family and Children's Coordinating Council

Sharon Loughridge  
Diana Sieger  
Justin Swan

Kent District Library Board

Charles Fry (Region 5)  
Carol Simpson (Region 1)

Kent Hospital Finance Authority

Robert White

Land Bank Authority

Sharon Brinks  
Stan Ponstein

Millennium Park Architectural Advisory Review Board

Francisco Vega  
Mike Wawee (filling unexpired term)

Pension Board

David Reglin  
William Walker

Public Works Board

Dan Koorndyk (filling unexpired term)  
Shana Shroll  
Ted Vonk

Road Commission

Dave Groenleer

Veterans' Affairs Committee

Fred Chambers

Motion by Commissioner Vonk, seconded by Commissioner Mast, that the Various Appointments to Boards, Commissions, Committees be approved.

Commissioner Ponstein asked that Counsel look into whether the Standing Rules were followed during the appointment process. (Under the standing rules, it states that members of the legislative committee should form nominating committees. When nominating committees were formed, there were members of both the finance and the legislative committees.) Counsel Ophoff said that he will look into the situation and give his opinion.

Motion that the Various Appointments to Boards, Commissions, Committees be approved carried by voice vote.

2011 SUBCOMMITTEESAeronautics Governance Sub-Committee:

Commissioners Vonk (Chair), Boelema, Hennessy, Rolls, Koorndyk, Saalfeld  
Staff: Dan Ophoff

Bargaining/Benefits Subcommittee:

Commissioners Parrish (Chair), Vonk, Voorhees, Hennessy, Koorndyk  
Staff: Daryl Delabbio, Don Clack, Steve Duarte

Millage Subcommittee:

Commissioners Vander Molen (Chair), Bulkowski, Ponstein, Shroll, Wawee  
Staff: Daryl Delabbio, Dan Ophoff

Septic Subcommittee:

Commissioners Antor (Chair), Chivis, Hirsch, Saalfeld  
Staff: Wayman Britt, Matthew VanZetten

Standing Rules Subcommittee:

Commissioners Parrish (Chair), Mast, Morgan, Hirsch, Saalfeld, Talen  
Staff: Dan Ophoff, Jim Day

Transparency Subcommittee:

Commissioners Voorhees (Chair), Antor, Bulkowksi, Hennessy  
Staff: Daryl Delabbio, Steve Duarte, Craig Paull

MISCELLANEOUS

Finance Committee Chair

Commissioner Voorhees: Expressed his appreciation for being appointed Finance Committee Chair and announced that a Finance Committee meeting will follow this Board meeting. He then introduced his wife, Joanne.

Department of Public Works

Commissioner Vonk: A DPW meeting will follow immediately after this Board meeting.

Board Photo

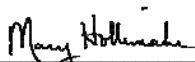
Chair Parrish: Acknowledged friends in the audience this morning. She reminded Commissioners that the Board photo will be taken next Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:55 a.m., Commissioner Vonk moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chairman, and to Thursday, January 27, 2011, at 8:30 a.m. for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Koorndyk. Motion carried.



Sandra Frost Parrish, Chair



Mary Hollinake, County Clerk

# PROCEEDINGS

of the  
**Kent County Board of Commissioners**  
**January 27, 2011 – Regular Meeting**

Meeting called to order at 8:31 a.m. by Chair Sandi Frost Parrish.

Present: Commissioners Boelema, Bulkowski, Chivis, Hennessy, Hirsch, Koorndyk, Mast, Morgan, Parrish, Ponstein, Rolls, Saalfeld, Shroll, Talen, Vander Molen, Vonk, Voorhees, Wawee - 18.

Absent: Antor – 1 (Excused).

Invocation: Commissioner Morgan introduced Doug Spote, Deputy Drain Commissioner, who gave the invocation.  
The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

## SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

### Millennium Park Presentation

Peter Secchia gave an update on Millennium Park. He reminded Commissioners of their success in converting the 1,600 acres of destitute soil into West Michigan's largest reclamation project. After 11 years of working on the Park, he wanted to present the Board with the true story of Millennium Park. At one time, there were 84 oil wells in the Millennium Park area; he gave the Board a framed copy of the map showing all the wells in the area and another showing all the housing that now surrounds the park. With Johnson Park, Millennium Park, John Ball Park and Butterworth Landfill there are around 865 acres of soiled land that the Board has reclaimed and turned into improved recreation, green, parks land. This has been a 50/50 partnership between the public and private sector (raising over \$15,000,000 from the private sector). We are set to embark on Phase 10, developing "The Meadows." He will return in a few months to show the concept design. The County has provided unbelievable recreation for people and this is an award winning urban park.

### GFOA Distinguished Budget Award

Steve Duarte presented Chair Parrish with the GFOA Distinguished Budget Award which Kent County has won for the 8<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. The award represents a significant achievement by the County. It reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. Only six other counties in Michigan have received this award. He recognized the budget staff for their hard work.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

1) Sally Borghese, 510 Marsh Ridge Dr NW, #103, Grand Rapids: As a member of Citizens for Parental Rights, she applied to serve on the Kent County Family Children's Coordinating Council. She doesn't believe families are represented on the Council and would like the Board to consider that in the future.



2) Hilary Triick, 1470 76<sup>th</sup> Street, Byron Center: Here today representing the family beef farm - "Triick Farms (Est. 1932)." Efforts are underway by the DNR to have the Musketawa Trail run adjacent to their farm. The pathway bisects a working beef cattle feedlot operation and the Triick Family believes that the proposed plan would cause great harm to their farming operation, possibly forcing them out of business. She asked that the Board postpone the connector trail resolution before it today.

3) Scott Atchison, 2251 South Saulk Trail, Grand Rapids: Appealing to the Board again for an Information Booth in downtown Grand Rapids. He believes that the Downtown Development Authority should build it and the Hotel/Motel funds should sustain it. The cost to have a 365 day/year information booth is \$350,000.

4) Dave VanDyke, Ottawa County Farm Bureau: The Farm Bureau is looking for an alternate route for the trail so that it doesn't bisect the Triick Farm. (A copy of the Report "Ottawa County Musketawa Trail/Triick Farm Impasse" by the Ottawa County Planning Commission and three letters to the DNR on the issue are on file in the County Clerk's Office).

5) Jordan Bush, Office of Congressman Amash, 110 Michigan Street, Grand Rapids: Introduced himself and announced that the Office of Congressman Amash is at 110 Michigan Street, #166 in the Federal Building, (616)451-8383, should anyone need their assistance.

6) Greg Alkema, 2458 W. Collier, Kentwood: Believes that mortgage companies are fraudulently foreclosing on people without the proper authority. He would like to see a sworn statement showing authority filed in the Register of Deeds' office. He asked the Board to help their constituents.

7) Tom Zook, Executive Director – Children's Assessment Center, 901 Michigan NE, Grand Rapids: Thanked Commissioners for their support of the Children's Assessment Center and their commitment to children and invited all to tour the facility.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of January 4, 2011 Meeting
- b) January 4 & 18, 2011 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes  
(Reports of Claims and Allowances)
- c) Appointments – Solid Waste Management Planning Committee
- d) Resolutions:

#### 1-27-11-1 – FY 2010 DRAIN COMMISSION SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BUDGET / DRAIN COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Drain's Special Assessment program receives its funding from charge backs to the drainage districts in which service was performed; and

WHEREAS, the total FY 2010 budget appropriation for the Drain Commission Special Assessment budget in the Special Projects Fund was \$73,805. The final cost to close out FY 2010 expenditures will not exceed \$74,640; and

WHEREAS, Fiscal Services is requesting an additional \$835 appropriation from FY 2010 special assessment revenues; and

WHEREAS, the additional funds are required to meet the final payroll for FY 2010.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners appropriates an additional \$835 to the Drain Commission's FY 2010 Special Assessment budget in the Special Project Fund from program revenues.

1-27-11-2 - FY 2010 FIRE PREVENTION BUDGET AMENDMENT / FIRE COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Fire Prevention Fund established in 1942 is permitted by MCLA 46.301 to oversee the purchase of fire extinguishing apparatus and equipment for 15 participating townships on a rotating basis. The law permitting such activity limits the County's contribution to 50 percent of the cost of such equipment, with townships required to contribute the remaining 50 percent; and

WHEREAS, the total FY 2010 budget appropriation for the Fire Prevention budget was \$570,928. The final cost to close out FY 2010 expenditures will not exceed \$596,928; and

WHEREAS, Fiscal Services is requesting an additional \$26,000 appropriation from the FY 2010 Fire Prevention Fund reserves; and

WHEREAS, the additional funds are required for insurance and equipment costs that came in over the planned budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners appropriates an additional \$26,000 to the FY 2010 Fire Prevention Budget from Fire Prevention Fund reserves.

1-27-11-3 – FY 2011 REFERRAL FOR EMPLOYMENT, ASSET DEVELOPMENT, COOPERATION, AND HOPE (REACH) GRANT / FRIEND OF THE COURT

WHEREAS, the Michigan SCAO is providing funding to Kent County to plan and implement the REACH Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the REACH Grant is to increase the well-being of children through the collaboration of local agencies to provide services to educate and assist non-custodial parents to build assets, improve financial skills; and develop debt management solutions for child support arrearages; and

WHEREAS, the FOC will contract with Hope Network and the Assets for Independence Agency to provide services to 180 non-custodial parents, between age 25 and 45, who earn less than \$24,000 per year, owe child support in Kent County, and are inconsistently employed; and

WHEREAS, the grant period is October 1, 2010, to September 30, 2011.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners accepts and appropriates \$183,424 from the Michigan State Court Administrative Office to the Special Projects Fund, and authorizes the Board Chair to sign all grant documents in a form approved by Corporate Counsel.

1-27-11-4 – FY 2010 VETERANS' AFFAIRS BUDGET / VETERANS' AFFAIRS

WHEREAS, the Department of Veterans' Affairs provides information referrals and support services to honorably discharged wartime veterans and their families; and

WHEREAS, the total FY 2010 budget appropriation for the Veterans' Affairs budget in the General Fund was \$176,285. The final cost to close out FY 2010 expenditures will not exceed \$177,035; and

WHEREAS, Fiscal Services is requesting an additional \$750 appropriation from the FY 2010 Undesignated/Unreserved General Fund reserves; and

WHEREAS, the additional funds are required as a result of office relocation expenses, accreditation training, and group insurance change of status for a new employee that were not planned for in the FY 2010 adopted budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners appropriates an addition \$750 to the Veterans' Affairs FY 2010 budget in the General Fund from the Unreserved/Undesignated General Fund Balance.

(Commissioner Talen asked that the Solid Waste Management Planning Committee appointments be removed from the Consent Agenda.)

Motion by Commissioner Morgan, seconded by Commissioner Vonk, that the remaining Consent Agenda items be approved.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Wawee, Voorhees, Vonk, Vander Molen, Talen, Shroll, Saalfeld, Rolls, Ponstein, Morgan, Mast, Koorndyk, Hirsch, Hennessy, Chivis, Bulkowski, Boelema, Chair Parrish - 18.

Nays: 0.

c) Appointments – Solid Waste Management Planning Committee

Motion by Commissioner Morgan, seconded by Commissioner Vonk, that the Solid Waste Management Planning Committee Appointments be approved.

Solid Waste Industry

Russ Boersma  
Randy Dozeman  
Tom Mahoney  
John Van Tholen

General Public

Nadine Renee Klein  
Catherine Mueller  
Terry Hartman

Environmental Interest Group

Nicholas Occhipinti  
Nick Carlson

Industrial Waste Generator

Scott Downer

City Government

James Hurt

Township Government

Audrey Nevins

County Government

Dan Koorndyk

Motion carried:

Yeas: Wawee, Voorhees, Vonk, Vander Molen, Talen, Shroll, Saalfeld, Rolls, Ponstein, Morgan, Mast, Koorndyk, Hirsch, Hennessy, Chivis, Bulkowski, Boelema, Chair Parrish - 18.

Nays: 0.

RESOLUTIONS

1-27-11-5 – FY 2010 AERONAUTICS BUDGET / AERONAUTICS

WHEREAS, the Kent County Department of Aeronautics provides safe, efficient, environmentally sensitive and economically self-sustaining air transportation financed primarily by user charges; and

WHEREAS, the total FY 2010 budget appropriation for the Aeronautics Fund was \$40,251,324. The final cost to close out FY 2010 expenditures will not exceed \$44,051,324; and

WHEREAS, Fiscal Services is requesting an additional \$3,800,000 appropriation from FY 2010 revenues and Aeronautics Fund reserves; and

WHEREAS, the additional funds are required as a result of increased marketing support for new entrant airlines, increased marketing support related to new air service in West Michigan, and increased depreciation on the new parking structure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners appropriates an additional \$3,800,000 to the FY 2010 Aeronautics Fund from program revenue and reserves.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Wawee, Voorhees, Vonk, Vander Molen, Talen, Shroll, Saalfeld, Rolls, Ponstein, Morgan, Mast, Koorndyk, Hirsch, Hennessy, Chivis, Bulkowski, Boelema, Chair Parrish - 18.

Nays: 0.

1-27-11-6 – PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS LANDOWNER  
CONTRIBUTION / KENT/MSU EXTENSION

WHEREAS, in February 2010, the Board of Commissioners (Resolution 2-11-10-08) extended option agreements to purchase 631.5 acres of Development Rights on six farms, and appropriated the federal, township, and private grant funding associated with the properties; and

WHEREAS, since that time, five of the six option agreements were accepted and funding has been secured for 616.5 acres through a combination of federal, county, township, and private grant funding; and

WHEREAS, an additional \$89,816 of in-kind contribution was provided by the landowners, and this amount must be accepted and appropriated by the County in order to account for the full cost of the transactions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners accept \$89,816 from landowners who are participating in the County's Purchase of Development Rights program and appropriate the funds to the Agricultural Preservation Program in the FY 2010 Special Projects budget.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Wawee, Voorhees, Vonk, Vander Molen, Talen, Shroll, Saalfeld, Rolls, Ponstein, Morgan, Mast, Koorndyk, Hirsch, Hennessy, Chivis, Bulkowski, Boelema, Chair Parrish - 18.

Nays: 0.

1-27-11-7 – PDR GRANT ACCEPTANCE – GRAND RAPIDS COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION / KENT/MSU EXTENSION

WHEREAS, on February 8, 2010, the Grand Rapids Community Foundation awarded a \$300,000 grant to be paid in \$100,000 installments over the course of 2010, 2011, and 2012, provided that certain matching fund requirements are met. For FY 2010, the County was awarded the

first payment of \$100,000 based upon the County's appropriation of \$275,000; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the County's appropriation of \$275,000 in FY2011, the Foundation has awarded the County \$77,000 for the Purchase of Development Rights Program; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners may consider funding for Purchase of Development Rights in each subsequent year's budget process; if the required match funding is appropriated through the budget process, subsequent installment(s) from the Grand Rapids Community Foundation will be brought to the Board for appropriation; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approve an amendment to an agreement with the Grand Rapids Community Foundation and accept a \$77,000 grant award for the Purchase of Development Rights Program and to appropriate the funds to the Agricultural Preservation Program.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Wawee, Voorhees, Vonk, Vander Molen, Talen, Shroll, Saalfeld, Rolls, Ponstein, Morgan, Mast, Hirsch, Hennessy, Chivis, Bulkowski, Boelema, Chair Parrish - 17.

Nays: Koorndyk - 1.

#### 1-27-11-8 – PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS OPTION AGREEMENTS / KENT/MSU EXTENSION

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners approved the Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) Ordinance on November 26, 2002; and

WHEREAS, in January 2009, the Legislative and Human Resources Committee approved selection criteria for the purchase of development rights by the County, and authorized the Agricultural Preservation Board to accept applications from landowners to participate in the program; and

WHEREAS, in June 2010, the Board authorized the issuance of Option Agreements and an application for funding of the purchase of development rights was submitted to the USDA but was not awarded; and

WHEREAS, the Agricultural Preservation Board is recommending that options for the purchase of development rights be reissued to the properties with updated appraisal information to preserve approximately 363 acres of which 225 acres are located in Tyrone Township (Rose Kruithoff Trust, \$370,000, PPN: 41-01-19-400-021, 41-01-19-400-023, 41-01-20-300-024, 41-01-29-100-016); 61 acres located in Sparta Township (James A. Bradford Family LLC, \$98,000, 41-05-10-300-001, 41-05-10-300-004); and 76.5 acres in Nelson Township (Donald A. Wollander, \$92,000, PPN: 41-03-24-400-006); based on their compliance with the federal criteria, the County criteria, and the availability of matching funds; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners authorize the following: 1) offer an option for the purchase of development rights on the properties as recommended by the Agricultural Preservation Board; 2) authorize submission of a grant application for a maximum of 50 percent of the cost of the development rights from the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm and Ranch Land Protection Program; 3) authorize the exercise of the option and purchase the development rights on any lands approved for funding by the USDA's Farmland Preservation

Program and for which local match has been secured; and 4) appropriate any federal grant funds and landowner contributions to the Agricultural Preservation Program.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that the County Administrator / Controller, or his designee, is authorized to sign all documents required by this resolution in a form approved by Corporate Counsel.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Wawee, Vonk, Vander Molen, Talen, Shroll, Saalfeld, Rolls, Ponstein, Morgan, Mast, Hirsch, Hennessy, Chivis, Bulkowski, Boelema, Chair Parrish - 16.

Nays: Voorhees, Koorndyk - 2.

1-27-11-9 – WHITE PINE – MUSKETAWA TRAIL CONNECTOR GRANT / PARKS

WHEREAS, in 2008, the Board approved an agreement (10-23-08-99); with the Kent County Road Commission and appropriated funding to develop a new trail connecting the White Pine Linear State Park to the Musketawa Trail; and

WHEREAS, funding sources for the approximately \$2.5 million project include \$1,920,000 in Federal High Priority Project Grant funds, \$300,000 from The Meijer Foundation, and \$180,000 in County CIP funds transferred from another Parks project; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department and Natural Resources and Environment has agreed to provide an additional \$150,000 to support planning and design of the trail. In order to access this grant, the grant needs to be accepted by the Board of Commissioners and appropriated to the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners accepts and appropriates \$150,000 from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment (DNRE) to support planning and design of the White Pine-Musketawa Trail Connector.

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

Motion by Commissioner Ponstein, seconded by Commissioner Hirsch, that Resolution 1-27-11-9 be postponed indefinitely.

Motion by Commissioner Koorndyk, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, to call the question.

Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion to postpone indefinitely carried:

Yeas: Wawee, Vonk, Talen, Shroll, Rolls, Ponstein, Hirsch, Hennessy, Chivis, Bulkowski, Boelema, Chair Parrish - 12.

Nays: Voorhees, Vander Molen, Saalfeld, Morgan, Mast, Koorndyk - 6.

1-27-11-10 – TREASURER’S GENERAL FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT / TREASURER’S OFFICE

WHEREAS, the County has an historical “earnings credit” on day-to-day bank balances sufficient enough to cover all bank administration and service fees; and

WHEREAS, interest rates have significantly declined so that the earned interest credit is no longer sufficient to offset bank fees, and the credit "rate" is not competitive to many other interest bearing investment products; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended, going forward, that bank fees be accounted for as an expense; and

WHEREAS, the County incurred \$148,845 in bank fees for FY 2010.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners appropriates \$148,845 to the Treasurer's FY 2010 budget in the General Fund from the Unreserved/Undesignated General Fund Balance.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Wawee, Voorhees, Vonk, Vander Molen, Talen, Shroll, Saalfeld, Rolls, Ponstein, Morgan, Mast, Koorndyk, Hirsch, Hennessy, Chivis, Bulkowski, Boelema, Chair Parrish - 18.

Nays: 0.

### STANDING RULES DISCUSSION

Chair Parrish commented that the Standing Rules are open for revision every two years, pursuant the Standing Rules. There are really two issues before us with regard to the Standing Rules. 1) Governance Structure – how are we structured, and 2) How do we operate?

At this time, issues that Commissioners would like to see the Standing Rules Subcommittee address will be listed. Once listed, Commissioners will rank them with colored dots:

#### Dots Ranking System:

Red = This is an area that I really think needs attention/revision.

Yellow = This area may need tweaking/maybe not sure how it needs to be fixed, but it should be looked at.

Green = I like this and it works well.

(If an item was not an issue for a Commissioner, they were instructed to *not* "dot."

#### Standing Rules Issues:

- 1) Executive Committee (7 red, 8 yellow )
- 2) Process for Budget Approval (9 red, 3 yellow, 2 green)
- 3) Increase Communication between Standing Committees (8 red, 4 yellow, 2 green)
- 4) Review Number of Standing Committees (none, two, more) (6 red, 4 yellow, 3 green)
- 5) Leadership Structure (3 red, 9 yellow, 3 green)

### REPORTS

#### Purchase of Development Rights Funding Sustainability Subcommittee Report

Commissioner Talen reviewed the Purchase of Development Rights Funding Sustainability Subcommittee Report (copy of which is on file in the County Clerk's Office). Commissioners were asked to review the report in detail as it will come to the next Board meeting to be Received and Filed.

### MISCELLANEOUS

Grand Rapids Historical Committee

Commissioner Chivis: An informational folder from the Grand Rapids Historical Commission, of which she is a member, was placed in Commissioners' mailboxes.

Peter Wege Book

Commissioner Bulkowski: Reported that Susan Lovell and the Wege Foundation gave to each Commissioner Peter Wege's book "Economicology II," with the hope that Commissioners will take the time to read it.

The Women on the County Commission

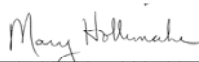
Chair Parrish: Announced that yesterday she, along with Commissioners Chivis, Hennessy, and Shroll taped an interview with Shelly Irwin on WGUV Radio, as "The Women on the County Commission." It airs Monday morning at 9:06 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:30 a.m., Commissioner Koorndyk moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, February 10, 2011, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 8:30 a.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Voorhees. Motion carried.



Sandra Frost Parrish, Chair



Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk



# PROCEEDINGS

of the

## Kent County Board of Commissioners February 10, 2011 – Regular Meeting

Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chair Sandi Frost Parrish.

Present: Commissioners Antor, Boelema, Bulkowski, Chivis, Hennessy, Hirsch, Koorndyk, Mast, Morgan, Parrish, Ponstein, Rolls, Saalfeld, Shroll, Talen, Vander Molen, Vonk, Voorhees, Wawee - 19.

Absent: None.

Invocation: Commissioner Rolls introduced his son, Christopher Rolls, "Pastor in Training" (finishing his bible major at Cornerstone University), who gave the invocation.  
The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

1) Dave Heyboer, 5075 Egypt Valley Road, Belmont: Chair of Friends of White Pine Trail, Past President and Founder of West Michigan Trails and Greenways Coalition, and, currently on the Cannon Township Recreation Committee. Kent County has been a leader in the trail system for years and the County should be proud of that. He urged the Board to continue its support of the trail systems and the Musketawa Trail connector.

2) Nate Phelps, 29 Benjamin Ave SE, Grand Rapids: President of the Michigan Mountain Biking Association, he also urged the Board to support the Musketawa connector. This offers significant economic impact to Kent County. Connecting the Musketawa and the White Pine Trail is critical for development of a network of greenways and trail ways in West Michigan.

3) Dale Phelps, 6119 Songbird Lane, Caledonia: (Owner of Village Bike Shops): He urges support of the Musketawa and White Pine trail connector. Trails increase people getting out and exercising.

4) Barb Vander Veen, 6185 Alger, Allendale: Introduced herself as the West Michigan Liaison for Secretary of State, Ruth Johnson, and looks forward to working with the Board in the future.

### SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

#### Be Nice Day Proclamation – Mental Health Foundation

Chair Parrish read and presented a proclamation to Kristy Buck, Executive Director of the Mental Health Foundation, proclaiming February 25, 2011, "Be Nice Day" in Kent County. In reaction to recent teen suicides, the Mental Health Foundation is raising awareness of the need to be more civil and to banish bullying by adopting a communitywide "Be Nice Day" in Kent County.

Veterans' Affairs Recognition – Amway and Spectrum Health

Chair Parrish presented two Hero Salutes from the Kent County Department of Veterans' Affairs to: 1) Jeffery Lemmon (accepting on behalf of Richard Breon) from Spectrum Health; and, 2) Judy West (on behalf of Jay Ertl) of Amway, for recognition and appreciation for going above and beyond the call of duty for Kent County veterans and their families.

Carrie Roy, Director of Veterans' Affairs, commented that the freedom we Americans enjoy and cherish, and sometimes take for granted, doesn't come free. The charity and kindness shown by Spectrum and Amway Corporation acknowledge the sacrifices that our military men and women have made. So, on behalf of all veterans, thank you.

John Ball Zoological Garden Strategic Plan Update

Rick Biddle, Vice President of Schultz & Williams Inc., reviewed the Organizational Structure and Governance Plan (copy on file in the County Clerk's Office). S & W was hired to perform a strategic assessment of the funding opportunities and governance options for the future management of the John Ball Zoo.

The plan recommends an organizational structure for the John Ball Zoo that is a public-private partnership. Kent County would retain ownership of the Zoo facility and its assets. A non-profit organization would have management of all Zoo operations – animal care, facilities, education, guest services, marketing, development and administration. We need to assess longer-term funding vehicles for the Zoo such as a dedicated millage or general fund support.

The next step will be for the Board of Commissioners to review the Strategic Governance Plan.

CONSENT AGENDA

- b) Approval of the Minutes of January 27, 2011 Meeting
- b) February 1, 2011 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes  
(Reports of Claims and Allowances)

Motion by Commissioner Rolls, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, that the Consent Agenda items be approved.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Vonk, Morgan, Rolls, Wawee, Ponstein, Boelema, Voorhees, Hirsch, Saalfeld, Mast, Vander Molen, Hennessy, Bulkowski, Talen, Chivis, Koorndyk, Shroll, Chair Parrish – 18.

Nays: 0.

(Commissioner Antor entered the meeting at 9:08 a.m.)

RESOLUTIONS2-10-11-11 – 911 PLAN AMENDMENT / SHERIFF

WHEREAS, pursuant to PA 32 of 1986 the County adopted a Final 911 Service Plan and has periodically amended the Plan to designate Public Safety Answering Point in Kent County; and

WHEREAS, American Medical Response (AMR) provides emergency medical services and has requested to be designated as a Secondary Public Safety Answering Point. This designation provides the authority for the call information including the call location and number to be

provided automatically to AMR rather than requiring dispatchers to verbally relay information to AMR; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 312 of the Act, the Kent County Board of Commissioners may amend the 911 Plan by resolution to designate the Secondary Public Safety Answering Points in Kent County. The following designation is recommended:

- Secondary Public Safety Answering Points: American Medical Response (AMR)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves an amendment to the Kent County 911 Plan to designate American Medical Response (AMR) as a Secondary Public Safety Answering Points in Kent County.

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

#### ACCEPT 2011 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Motion by Commissioner Koorndyk, seconded by Commissioner Mast, to accept the 2011 Legislative Priorities (copy of which is on file in the County Clerk's Office).

Motion carried by voice vote.

#### REPORTS

##### Finance Committee

Commissioner Voorhees reported that the Finance Committee held a work session on the mandated and discretionary functions of Kent County. The next session will be February 15<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 a.m.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

##### Trail Connectivity

Commissioner Hirsch: Echoed the public comment on trail connectivity. He wants the Musketawa Trail to go around the Trick Farm, not through it.

##### Kent County Tax Coalition

Commissioner Mast: Attended the kick-off meeting of the Kent County Tax Credit Coalition. Assistant Administrator Wayman Britt was the guest speaker and did an outstanding job.

##### Early Retirement Incentive Report

Commissioner Vander Molen: Served on the Pension Subcommittee last year and would like a report on how many employees took advantage of the early retirement and how many positions were/are not being replaced. (One will be forthcoming.)

##### Trail Connectivity

Commissioner Saalfeld: Doesn't think that it is this Board's position to make a decision that really belongs with the Road Commission based on a recent legal opinion. There is some research that is being done, and he hopes that we can bring it back to the Board and bring that to a conclusion as soon as possible.

Commissioner Ponstein: The resolution at the last Board meeting concerned a grant to our Parks Department. It is reasonable to expect this Board to question

a grant coming into our parks system. This has nothing to do with the Road Commission, this has to do with a cooperative effort between Ottawa County and Kent's park systems.

Chair Comments

Chair Parrish: Represented the County at the 2010 Newsmaker of the Year event at the Economics Club on Monday. She is proud to say that the Department of Public Works and the Single Stream Recycling project was in the top 10.

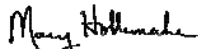
The resolution that was postponed at the January 27<sup>th</sup> Board meeting will come back up at the February 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. Assistant Administrator Mary Swanson is preparing a Q & A for the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:17 a.m., Commissioner Rolls moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, February 24, 2011, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 8:30 a.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Koorndyk. Motion carried.



Sandra Frost Parrish, Chair



Mary Hollingake, County Clerk

# PROCEEDINGS

of the  
**Kent County Board of Commissioners**  
**February 24, 2011 – Regular Meeting**

Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chair Sandi Frost Parrish.

Present: Commissioners Antor, Bulkowski, Chivis, Hennessy, Hirsch, Koorndyk, Morgan, Parrish, Ponstein, Rolls, Saalfeld, Shroll, Talen, Vander Molen, Vonk, Voorhees, Wawee - 17.

Absent: Boelema, Mast - 2.

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

## SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Presentation on private sector initiative regarding intergovernmental collaboration  
Nyal Deems spoke, representing the One Kent Coalition ("OKC") (a group of 22 individuals from the private sector seeking solutions to improve governance of the Grand Rapids metropolitan area). By restructuring local governance, OKC sees an opportunity to enhance economic standing, savings, efficiency and increased services. As a result of combining the operation of the governments of Kent County and the City of Grand Rapids, our size ranking would catapult us putting us on more radar screens. We cannot wait for Michigan to rise from its economic quagmire. There are approximately 30 communities (including Indianapolis, Nashville, Louisville and Jacksonville) that took a bold step forward consolidating and remaking themselves. OKC is seeking enabling legislation to go forward with this concept and put it before the voters in 2012.

(Note: Commissioners had many questions and asked for more information including the names of the 22 individuals who make up the One Kent Coalition. As a result of which, the Board Chair announces at the end of this meeting, a future work session on this topic.)

## PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

## CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of February 10, 2011, Meeting
- b) February 15, 2011, Finance Committee Meeting Minutes  
(Reports of Claims and Allowances)

Motion by Commissioner Vonk, seconded by Commissioner Vander Molen, that the Consent Agenda items be approved.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Shroll, Koorndyk, Chivis, Talen, Bulkowski, Hennessy, Vander Molen, Saalfeld, Voorhees, Ponstein, Wawee, Rolls, Morgan, Antor, Vonk, Chair Parrish – 16.

Nays: 0.

Absent from room: Hirsch – 1.

### RESOLUTIONS

#### 2-24-11-12 – PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS SELECTION CRITERIA AND APPLICATION CYCLE FOR 2011 / ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

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 the 2011 selection criteria to be used to rank and prioritize PDR applications. Per the ordinance, the Board of Commissioners must approve the criteria; and

WHEREAS, this year's selection criteria continues to focus on preservation efforts in areas with large blocks of agricultural land and considers factors such as soil type, parcel size, proximity to water and sewer, and proximity to other public or private preserved land. The criteria was updated to include the following: points are now awarded to applications whose townships contribute and/or designate a line-item in their annual budget for farmland preservation; points are no longer awarded if an applicant had previously submitted an application, and; the total number of points available was adjusted; and

WHEREAS, the Agricultural Preservation Board intends to seek funding to preserve qualifying applications to the Michigan Agricultural Preservation Fund and the USDA NRCS Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program in 2012. 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 deadlines for submittal to the state and federal program for 2012 have not yet been announced. It is recommended that the County application cycle be from March 1 – April 30, 2011 to allow sufficient time to score and appraise priority properties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve the Kent County Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) selection criteria and to authorize an application cycle of March 1 – April 30, 2011.

Motion by Commissioner Bulkowski, seconded by Commissioner Antor, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Shroll, Koorndyk, Chivis, Talen, Bulkowski, Hennessy, Vander Molen, Saalfeld, Ponstein, Rolls, Morgan, Antor, Vonk, Chair Parrish – 14.

Nays: Voorhees, Wawee - 2.

Absent from room: Hirsch – 1.

#### 2-24-11-13 – JOHN BALL ZOOLOGICAL GARDEN FEE INCREASES / ZOO

WHEREAS, County policy requires departments to review fees and charges as part of the budget process. John Ball Zoological Garden admission rates were last increased in 2006. The current Zoo admission rates are \$5.50 child, \$6.50 for senior citizens, and \$7.50 for adults; and

WHEREAS, a comparative analysis of local attractions and zoo admission rates for similar population service areas was conducted in 2010.

The average admission to local attractions is \$8.40 for adults, \$7.20 for seniors and \$4.80 for children, and for Michigan zoos \$10.00 for adults, \$8.00 for seniors and \$7.00 for children; and

WHEREAS, it is proposed that the admission fees be increased to \$6.50 for children, \$7.50 for senior citizens and \$8.50 for adults (2011 opening date is March 1); and

WHEREAS, it is also proposed that admission fees during the winter season (Monday after Labor Day weekend through May 1 be increased from \$3.50 to \$4.00 for children and \$4.50 to \$5.00 for adults/seniors; and

WHEREAS, the proposed fees, will enable the Zoo to continue to be an attractively-priced recreational destination despite the proposed increases; and

WHEREAS, over half of the Zoo visitation over the last five years is either free or reduced. This year John Ball Zoo had over 400,000 visitors and 200,000 of those visited for free. Community members have various opportunities to visit the zoo for free such as our JUMP program for school aged children and their families, Grand Rapids Public Library pass program, and sponsored free days throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, John Ball Park rental sites include the Grove, Fulton View West/East, the Pond Pavilion, Hilltop Pavilion, and Picnic Acre. It is being proposed that there be no change in the park rental fees: *Hilltop Pavilion* - \$300 (Monday-Thursday) and \$400 (Friday-Sunday); *Pond Pavilion* - \$300 (Monday-Thursday) and \$400 (Friday-Sunday); and *Picnic Acre* - \$250 (Monday-Thursday) and \$500 (Friday-Sunday). The remaining areas will stay at the \$100 daily rental fee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves the fee schedule for admission to John Ball Zoological Garden and rental fees for picnic sites and pavilions.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Shroll, Koorndyk, Talen, Bulkowski, Vander Molen, Saalfeld, Hirsch, Voorhees, Ponstein, Wawee, Rolls, Morgan, Antor, Vonk, Chair Parrish  
- 15.

Nays: Chivis, Hennessy - 2.

#### 2-24-11-14 – WHITE PINE – MUSKETAWA TRAIL CONNECTOR GRANT / PARKS

WHEREAS, in 2008, the Board approved an agreement (10-23-08-99); with the Kent County Road Commission and appropriated funding to develop a new trail connecting the White Pine Linear State Park to the Musketawa Trail; and

WHEREAS, funding sources for the approximately \$2.5 million project include \$1,920,000 in Federal High Priority Project Grant funds, \$300,000 from The Meijer Foundation, and \$180,000 in County CIP funds transferred from another Parks project; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department and Natural Resources and Environment has agreed to provide an additional \$150,000 to support planning and design of the trail. In order to access this grant, the grant needs to be accepted by the Board of Commissioners and appropriated to the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners accepts and appropriates \$150,000 from the Michigan Department

of Natural Resources and Environment (DNRE) to support planning and design of the White Pine-Musketawa Trail Connector.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Shroll, Koorndyk, Chivis, Talen, Bulkowski, Hennessy, Vander Molen, Saalfeld, Voorhees, Ponstein, Wawee, Rolls, Morgan, Antor, Vonk, Chair Parrish – 16.

Nays: Hirsch - 1.

### REPORTS

There were no reports.

### MISCELLANEOUS

#### Kent County Community Emergency Response Team ("CERT")

Commissioner Saalfeld: CERT is a group of trained volunteers under the direction of the Kent County Emergency Manager (Sheriff Department) which responds to disasters. These volunteers helped several disabled and elderly during the last snow storm. This is a good example of a volunteer organization partnering with the County and he appreciates their good work.

#### Hope Network

Commissioner Voorhees: Hope Network has a new governmental relations director, Terry Mulvihill, and will be inviting Commissioners to a meeting to be re-acquainted with what Hope Network is doing in our community and throughout the State. Hope Network is doing a lot of great things.

#### Consolidation

Commissioner Hirsch: When Indianapolis consolidated, they took over the townships and cities within their region. It would be a good idea, before we rush forward, to talk to some of the elected officials to discover the pros and cons. Instead of us figuring it out on our own, we should go somewhere where it's been done already, has been in place for awhile and they have a feel for what it is.

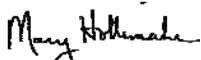
Chair Parrish: The Board will hold a work session soon on the subject of consolidation. This is not a new idea; a 1982 report was done by the Commission. It would be helpful for new Commissioners to get some of the history on where we've come from and where we are going. Commissioners should forward any questions they have on the subject to Administrator Delabbio who will then forward them to Mr. Deems for additional dialogue.

### ADJOURNMENT

At 9:40 a.m., Commissioner Vonk moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, March 10, 2011, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 8:30 a.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Koorndyk. Motion carried.



Sandra Frost Parrish, Chair



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Mary Holmrake, County Clerk



# PROCEEDINGS

of the  
**Kent County Board of Commissioners**  
**March 24, 2011 – Regular Meeting**

Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chair Sandi Frost Parrish.

Present: Commissioners Antor, Boelema, Bulkowski, Chivis, Hennessy, Hirsch, Koorndyk, Mast, Morgan, Parrish, Ponstein, Rolls, Saalfeld, Shroll, Talen, Vonk, Wawee - 17.

Absent: Vander Molen, Voorhees - 2 (Excused).

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

## SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

### Treasurer's Annual Investment Report

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

## PUBLIC COMMENT

1) Eric Larson, M.D., 2215 Cascade Lakes Circle SE, Grand Rapids – A local physician and co-founder of the Kent County Families for Fiscal Responsibility (a local non-partisan taxpayer advocacy group) spoke in opposition to the bus millage in May. He distributed *The Rapid: A Critical Analysis Myths vs. Facts* Report copy of which is on file in the County Clerk's Office and available online at [www.itpwatch.org](http://www.itpwatch.org). The Silverline was voted down two years ago (in 2009) by four of the six cities that are the taxing authority for the Interurban Transit Partnership. The Rapid averages about 91% empty buses – some very full but most are very empty. We have an underutilized bus system and doesn't believe that The Rapid utilizes its funds properly. Also, it is one of the least transparent organizations around.

2) Gene Garber, Lancaster County, PA – A farmer and Chairman of the Lancaster County Agriculture Preservation Board who is in town today to speak at the Grand Valley Metro Council ("GVMC") on behalf of the Kent County Agriculture Preservation Board. Lancaster County is the leading agriculture preserve program in the United States in terms of the number of farms, and number of acres. He has met several Kent County Commissioners who visited his farm while checking out Lancaster's PDR program. He understands that Kent County has an issue with funding which Lancaster County experienced 25-30 years ago. There are many similarities between Kent and Lancaster Counties. Lancaster faced great sprawl and development pressure 25 years ago; they took action and have preserved 88,000 acres. He encouraged Kent County to fund the program and invited Commissioners to attend the GVMC meeting to have their questions answered.

3) Karen Martinique, Lancaster County, PA – A former Lancaster County Commissioner, she, too, will be speaking before the GVMC on agriculture

preservation. She knows first hand the challenges that Commissioners have with trying to fund competing priorities. She has not regretted the action that her Board took with regard to agriculture preservation. She encouraged Kent County Commissioners to move in the same direction.

4) Don Zerial 7377 Cascade Terrace SE, Cascade Township - Opposed to The Rapid millage on the May ballot. With the decline of the Grand Rapids Public Schools and the blight in neighborhoods, this money can be better spent elsewhere.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of February 24, 2011, Meeting
- b) March 1 & 15, 2011, Finance Committee Meeting Minutes  
(Reports of Claims and Allowances)
- c) Receive & File: Cemetery Trust Fund & Unknown Legatee Account Reports
- d) Resolutions:

#### 3-24-11-15 – MAINTENANCE TO GRASS LAKE (LAKE BELLA VISTA) / DRAIN COMMISSION

WHEREAS, an inland lake level has been established for Grass Lake pursuant to the Inland Lake Level Act, MCL 324.30701 *et seq.*, Part 307 of the Natural Resources Environmental Protection Act; and

WHEREAS, the Kent County Drain Commissioner, as the delegated authority under Part 307, caused an inspection of the lake level control structure on Grass Lake to be performed by a licensed professional engineer on November 13, 2010, pursuant to the requirements of MCL 324.307822(1); and

WHEREAS, the inspection revealed the need for maintenance and repair of the lake level control structure in excess of \$10,000; and

WHEREAS, MCL 324.30722(4) requires that an expenditure of more than \$10,000 for the maintenance and repair of a lake level control structure requires the approval by resolution of the Kent County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners finds the maintenance and repair of the lake level control structure on Grass Lake necessary in order to maintain the established lake level, and for the protection of the natural resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Kent County Drain Commissioner to take all necessary steps to maintain and repair the lake level control structure consistent with the requirements of the Inland Lake Level Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kent County Drain Commissioner shall prepare a computation of the cost of the project and prepare a special assessment roll consistent with the special assessment district boundaries approved by the Kent County Circuit Court.

#### 3-24-11-16 – DISPATCH COLLECTION FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT / FISCAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the County receives revenues from the State 911 surcharge and the Local 911 surcharge to fund 911 services; and

WHEREAS, surcharge fees collected are received in the Dispatch Collection Fund and then distributed to the Kent County Dispatch Authority in the year they are received; and

WHEREAS, it was estimated in the FY 2010 budget that \$3,900,000 in revenue would be collected in the Dispatch Collection Fund; final actual collections for FY 2010 are \$3,984,000; and

WHEREAS, an additional appropriation of \$84,000 is required to close out FY 2010.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby appropriates an additional of \$84,000 to the FY 2010 Dispatch Collection Fund Budget from collected revenues.

3-24-11-17 – TREASURER'S GENERAL FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT /  
TREASURER'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, the County Treasurer serves as the custodian of all County funds, and as such is responsible for receipting, recording and investing all money deposited with the County; and

WHEREAS, the total FY 2010 appropriation for the Treasurer's budget in the General Fund is \$1,217,595; the final cost to close out FY 2010 expenditures will not exceed \$1,227,595; and

WHEREAS, additional funds for FY 2010 are required for unplanned personnel costs associated with the voluntary retirement incentive program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby appropriates an additional of \$10,000 to the Treasurer's FY 2010 General Fund budget from the Unreserved/Undesignated General Fund balance.

Motion by Commissioner Ponstein, seconded by Commissioner Vonk, that the Consent Agenda items be approved.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Antor, Boelema, Bulkowski, Chivis, Hennessy, Hirsch, Koorndyk, Mast, Morgan, Ponstein, Rolls, Saalfeld, Shroll, Talen, Vonk, Wawee, Chair Parrish – 17.

Nays: 0.

RESOLUTIONS

3-24-11-18 – BIENNIAL UPDATE OF FISCAL POLICIES – FUND  
BALANCE / FUND EQUITY / 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 of Fiscal Services staff (Accounting Manager Sherah Richard, Fiscal Services Deputy Director Francine Farrington, and Fiscal Services Director Stephen Duarte) in consultation with Rehmann Robson, the County's auditors, reviewed the existing Fund Balance/Fund Equity policy and the Governmental Accounting Standards Board Pronouncement No. 54 (GASB 54); and

WHEREAS, the team recommends changes to the policy to bring the County into compliance with the requirements of GASB 54.

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

Motion by Commissioner Morgan, seconded by Commissioner Koorndyk, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried by voice vote.

3-24-11-19 – INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR DATA SHARING  
WITH U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN  
DEVELOPMENT (HUD) / BUREAU OF EQUALIZATION

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) wants to collect parcel level data on ownership, rights, and interests in residential land parcels from Counties receiving Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) Grants, in order to support HUD's County Data Record Project; and

WHEREAS, this project will create a national aggregation of local land parcel data. Through this project, HUD will have access to the data it needs to evaluate NSP and other HUD programs as well as track housing trends and neighborhood conditions such as home sales, foreclosures, tax assessments, abandonment, and natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, HUD has asked the Kent County Bureau of Equalization for certain information from the Digital Parcel Layer and the associated Tabular Attribute Data. The Bureau of Equalization, in cooperation with Information Technology, is able and willing to share the parcel level data with HUD; and

WHEREAS, the project benefits to the County include access to final reports, analyses, studies, and the standardized data for use by departments such as Community Development, Health, Emergency Management, the State of Michigan Dept. of Human Services, and other related local units and agencies; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement outlines the scope of the project, and will be approved as to form by Corporate Counsel before signature by the Board Chair.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Board Chair or her designee to transfer County parcel level data to HUD, and approve entering into an Intergovernmental Agreement for Data Sharing with HUD.

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

3-24-11-20 – WOMEN, INFANT AND CHILDREN (WIC) GRANT FOR  
FY2011 / HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Health Department has received notice from MDCH that the amount of funding per WIC participant has increased by \$4, from \$138 to \$142 per participant and that funding to provide additional services directed towards high risk WIC clients has increased by \$147,645. These increases have resulted in additional funding of \$232,845 for FY2011; and

WHEREAS, WIC funding received from MDCH is 100% federal pass-through dollars provided by the United States Department of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the WIC program is a free nutrition program for pregnant and breastfeeding women and children up to age 5. WIC provides clients with several benefits including, EBT cards for the purchase of nutritious foods, nutrition education, and immunizations to approximately 21,300 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 the current caseload, the Health Department's WIC allocation will increase from \$3,191,149 to \$3,423,994.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves the acceptance of \$232,845 in additional funding from the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) and appropriates \$232,845 to the FY2011 Health Department Budget.

Motion by Commissioner Hennessy, seconded by Commissioner Hirsch, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Antor, Boelema, Bulkowski, Chivis, Hennessy, Hirsch, Koorndyk, Mast, Morgan, Ponstein, Rolls, Saalfeld, Shroll, Talen, Vonk, Wawee, Chair Parrish – 17.

Nays: 0.

### 3-24-11-21 – REVISIONS TO THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT FEE SCHEDULE / HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Public Act 368 of 1978 (the Public Health Code), as amended, allows a local government to "...fix and require the payment of fees for services authorized or required to be performed by the local health department." Said fees should not be more than the reasonable cost of providing the service; and

WHEREAS, the Health Department has attempted to create a fair and equitable fee schedule that captures the cost of services provided. As a result, the Health Department is proposing fee adjustments to better align fees with associated costs; and

WHEREAS, the Health Department is recommending changes to 42 existing fees and the establishment of 7 new fees with varying effective dates of May 1, 2011, December 1, 2011, and January 1, 2012, to accommodate the renewal schedule of several licenses. All of these recommendations are detailed in the attached schedule; and

WHEREAS, a public notice was placed in the Grand Rapids Press and sent to the County Clerk's Office to announce the new fees and the Public Hearing date. The Public Hearing was held on February 18, 2011, and no public comment was received; and

WHEREAS, the proposed fee changes will generate an additional \$143,831 annually for the Health Department. This additional revenue was not included in the Health Department's recommended budget, and is a proactive attempt to minimize the level of service delivery reductions that are anticipated in FY2012.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves amendments to the Health Department's fee schedule.

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

Motion by Commissioner Mast, seconded by Commissioner Talen, that the fee increases for Full Inspection, Partial Inspection and Plan Review of an Adult/Child Care Facility be only increased \$5, \$4 and \$5 respectively, so that the fees will go from \$130 to \$135, \$100 to \$104 and \$135 to \$140.

Motion failed:

Yeas: Bulkowski, Chivis, Hennessy, Mast, Talen – 5.

Nays: Antor, Boelema, Hirsch, Koorndyk, Morgan, Ponstein, Rolls, Saalfeld, Shroll, Vonk, Wawee, Chair Parrish – 12.

Motion by Commissioner Hennessy, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, to postpone the three fee increases for Full Inspection, Partial Inspection and Plan Review of an Adult/Child Care Facility until October 1, 2011.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Antor, Boelema, Bulkowski, Chivis, Hennessy, Hirsch, Koorndyk, Mast, Morgan, Saalfeld, Shroll, Talen Chair Parrish – 13.

Nays: Ponstein, Rolls, Vonk, Wawee - 4.

Motion to approve resolution with amendment carried:

Yeas: Antor, Boelema, Bulkowski, Chivis, Hennessy, Hirsch, Koorndyk, Morgan, Saalfeld, Shroll, Vonk, Wawee, Chair Parrish – 13.

Nays: Mast, Ponstein, Rolls, Talen - 4.

3-24-11-22 – MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
RESOURCES GRANT APPLICATION – M-6 TRAIL  
IMPROVEMENTS / PARKS DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Parks Department continually strives to improve the network of non-motorized trails under its management in Kent County; and

WHEREAS, the Fred Meijer M-6 Trail project will connect Kent Trails in Byron Township to the Paul Henry Thornapple Trail in the City of Kentwood when fully completed; and

WHEREAS, the current route of the Trail crosses Division Avenue at grade level using a crosswalk. This portion of the Trail would be significantly improved by the construction of a bridge over Division Avenue, eliminating potential conflicts with vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the existing trail design and construction project is funded by a federal transportation department grant of \$2,600,000, of which \$357,780 remains. Additional funds are required to build a bridge over Division Avenue and related trail improvements; and

WHEREAS, funding is available to meet this need through a competitive grant process from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund program; and

WHEREAS, the Parks Department is applying for \$300,000 to be used to complete this work, and is able to use the remaining federal funds in the project as required local match; and

WHEREAS, the Trust Fund requires that the Board of Commissioners approve the grant application prior to it being submitted. If approved and funds awarded, a subsequent request will be submitted to the Board for acceptance of the grant and appropriation of the funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves a grant application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for trail construction, including a bridge and parking, of the Fred Meijer M-6 Trail.

Motion by Commissioner Antor, seconded by Commissioner Vonk, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion passed by voice vote.

3-24-11-23 - DELINQUENT 2010 REAL PROPERTY TAXES / AUTHORIZE  
ISSUANCE OF "GENERAL OBLIGATION LIMITED TAX  
NOTES, SERIES 2011" / 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 2010 delinquent real property taxes (the "delinquent taxes") outstanding on March 1, 2011, will be approximately \$42,000,000, 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 Forty Two Million Dollars (\$42,000,000) and issue its notes (the "notes") therefor for the purpose of continuing the Fund for the 2010 tax year. The exact amount to be borrowed shall not exceed the amount of delinquent taxes outstanding on March 1, 2011, exclusive of interest, fees and penalties. The County Treasurer shall designate the exact amount to be borrowed after the amount of the 2010 delinquent taxes outstanding on March 1, 2011, or the portion of the 2010 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 2011" with a letter designation added thereto if the notes are issued in more than one series; 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, including the number of days' notice of redemption and whether such notice shall be written or published, or both. 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, or by such other method as determined by the County Treasurer.

#### 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. Alternatively, the County Treasurer may serve as note registrar and paying agent if so designated by written order of the County Treasurer.

#### Disposition of Note Proceeds

5. The proceeds of the sale of the notes shall be deposited into a separate account in the Fund (the "2011 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, 2011, in accordance with the provisions of Act 206. If the notes are sold at a premium, the County Treasurer shall determine what portion of the premium, if any, shall be deposited in the 2011 Collection Account established in Section 6 hereof.

#### 2011 Collection Account

6. There is hereby established as part of the Fund an account (hereby designated the "2011 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, 2011, all County property tax administration fees on such delinquent taxes, after expenses of issuance of the notes have been paid, any premium as determined pursuant to Section 5 hereof, and any amounts received by the County Treasurer from the County, the State of Michigan 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. The County Treasurer shall designate the delinquent taxes against which the County shall borrow for each series of notes.

#### Note Reserve Fund

7. There is hereby authorized to be established by the County Treasurer a note reserve fund for the notes (the "2011 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 2011 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 2011 Collection Account and the 2011 Note Reserve Fund, if established, and all interest earned thereon, relating



to a series of notes are hereby pledged equally and ratably as to such 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 2011 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. If more than one series of notes is issued, the County Treasurer by order shall establish the priority of the funds pledged for payment of each such series. In such case the County Treasurer may establish sub-accounts in the various funds and accounts established pursuant to the terms of this resolution as may be necessary or appropriate.

#### 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 2011 Collection Account and the 2011 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 2011 Collection Account

10. Upon the investment of moneys in the 2011 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 2011 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 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 the 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.

#### Chargebacks

18. For any principal payment date of the notes on or after January 1, 2014, the delinquent taxes on property foreclosed and sold pursuant to the provisions of Act 206 and against which the County has borrowed shall, if necessary to ensure full and timely payment of principal of and interest on the notes when due, be charged back to the taxing jurisdictions in such manner as determined by the County Treasurer. The proceeds of such chargebacks shall be deposited in the 2011 Collection Account as security for payment of the notes as described in Section 8 hereof. The provisions of this section shall not limit the authority of the County Treasurer under the laws of the State of Michigan to charge back delinquent taxes under other circumstances or at other times.

#### Purchase of Notes by County

19. All or any portion of the notes may be purchased or otherwise acquired by the County if the County Treasurer by order deems such purchase or acquisition to be in the best interest of the County. In such case, the County Treasurer is authorized to take such actions to effectuate the purchase or acquisition, including without limitation entering into an agreement to purchase or repurchase the notes. The purchase or other acquisition of notes by or on behalf of the County does not cancel, extinguish or otherwise affect the notes and the notes shall be treated as outstanding notes for all purposes of this resolution until paid in full.

#### Issuance of Refunding Notes

20. 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

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

Motion by Commissioner Morgan, seconded by Commissioner Saalfeld, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Antor, Boelema, Bulkowski, Chivis, Hennessy, Hirsch, Koorndyk, Mast, Morgan, Ponstein, Rolls, Saalfeld, Shroll, Talen, Vonk, Wawee, Chair Parrish – 17.

Nays: 0.

### REPORTS

#### Fetal Infant Mortality Report

Commissioner Ponstein: Encouraged Commissioners to read the the Fetal Infant Mortality Report they recently received. We are making progress, yet there is still a lot more work to do.

Commissioner Wawee: He, too, has read the report and agrees that it is important. The report contains a lot of good information.

### DISCUSSION ITEM

#### ZOO STRATEGIC PLAN

Administrator Delabbio: In 2010, a group of individuals representing the Zoo Society and Kent County looked at long-term strategic issues related to the zoo as well as, a way to make the zoo a sustainable community asset. The group retained Schultz & Williams. Earlier this year, Commissioners were presented with the resulting report containing recommendations. Before work starts on the implementation of those recommendations, there is a process to go through to review the report. This is an opportunity to discuss it. Staff will bring to the Legislative & Human Resources Committee an action request and resolution that will, ultimately, come before the full Board related to pursuing the recommendation of merging the two organizations (zoo & zoo society) into one. Prior to that action, we wanted Commissioners' feedback on the report.

Chair Parrish stated that this report got a little caught up in the ban on "receive and file" from the standpoint that the Standing Rules is taking up the flow of reports in a relatively comprehensive way. When we pass the standing rules we will have a flow chart of what happens to reports from the time that the subcommittee is charged to the point of accepting the report. Since that process is not in place yet but will be in April we still needed some discussion on this so that we have some idea on where the Commission is. We have some specific recommendations in the Report that we wanted to give Commissioners an opportunity to ask questions about or discuss.

Q & A

Com. Bulkowski: Pg 21 discusses the composition of the Board of Directors for this new non-profit. From the language, it is pretty clear that it's looking for community leaders. It indicates that this board will need to be comprised of the region's highest level and the most well-respected executive leaders. They are looking for people who can raise dollars for the zoo instead of providing leadership vision in terms of strategic planning. Over the last 10 years, there has always been involvement of the neighborhood and the local community regarding strategic planning to make sure that all stakeholders have a voice at the table. He is concerned that this board might not include folks from that community.

Chair Parrish: This first step will be the appointment by the BOC of a task force that will primarily be a citizens committee. That transition committee will get us to the organization that will, in the future, be the governing body of the zoo. The transition committee would be charged with populating the new board. That group would be the group to talk to and filter your concerns through. We would expect board members to be of the caliber needed to run the entire operations of the zoo, including fundraising and general operations. And, that group would have the skill sets from other work in the community or their own businesses/organizations to be able to conduct a competent strategic planning process. The transition team will have an opportunity to address that.

Com. Hennessy: Are we now just being asked to approve the first step – to create the new management entity by identifying representatives?

Chair Parrish: No, we are nowhere near that. We are just trying to find out where you have concerns and to answer your questions so that when we start going into action items we have some idea of where the Board sits. The first approval will be the transition committee/team.

Com. Hennessy: Are we going through this systematically from the beginning today or how are we approaching this?

Chair: Just a Q & A today. There was a presentation a month ago that went through it point by point, so for today we are just asking if you have any questions.

Com. Vonk: Will we have another chance to look at this after it goes through Legislative Committee?

Chair Parrish: We do not have the process for "receive and file" of reports completed yet. But, we need to move on some things. Today, we are trying to establish, in principle, if Commissioners agree with the merger of the zoo society and zoo operations. That is the first thing and the second part is the appointment of the transition team sometime in late April.

Com. Morgan: From my perspective, the idea of merging the two bodies is long overdue and very worthwhile.

Com. Saalfeld: Agrees w/Com. Morgan and recalls, from the presentation held earlier, that this should enhance the fundraising opportunities.

Com. Mast: Agree. The net result of what we are looking for is a broader community-based and supported zoo that, hopefully, will result in participation from more individuals than ever before. Up to this point, it has been considered a County operation and this may bring it to another level. If it is a non-profit board standing on its own and not relying on County funding, it will need to have board members that are well respected within the community both for their fundraising

capabilities and their fund giving capabilities. I think, eventually, we will have a much better zoo. This may result in new growth opportunities.

Com. Hennessy: The park/zoo is encompassed by an urban neighborhood unlike many of our parks and so neighbors need to be represented every step of the process.

Com. Mast: Agree. But I think again it is not a southwest Grand Rapids jewel. It is a county jewel so that there has to be countywide representation. Yes, they need to be sensitive to that part of the city in terms of traffic flow, etc. It will need to be released from a lot of current constraints.

Com. Bulkowski: On page 20 of the report, it is pretty clear that the County is not walking away from the zoo and that it sees its role long-term as a partner in this. Appreciates that and looks forward to the process during which it's made clear what that means.

Chair Parrish: This is really a move to secure and sustain the future of the zoo in the strongest way possible and certainly not anyway intended for the County to dump the zoo. When we went through our prioritizations last year, the zoo was one of the highest priorities of this Board. This is acknowledging that we need to take a comprehensive, communitywide look at how to protect this fabulous asset and we need to be very clear in our message to the community that we dearly love the zoo and we want to preserve its future.

Com Talen: What is the expectation for funding from the County?

Daryl D: The consultant expected the County contribution to continue at the current level (\$2 million - \$2 ½ million) - that is net county contribution. It doesn't include fees that are raised through admissions, etc. It was never intended that the County would withdraw support. There has to be a public funding element to the operation. It would not, however, be a County operation; it would be in the hands of a non-profit board with the County owning the assets.

Com Talen: The process for arriving at the County's annual level of contribution will be what? For example: for Community Mental Health, we set an amount and said this is what it is going to be forever.

Chair Parrish: The transitional team (appointed within the next month) will look at the entire operational budget as a whole -- the County portion, zoo society and all the revenues that the entire thing generates. At that point, we will know what the total commitment would need to be from the County or the public.

Com. Wawee: Is the long term goal to have the public/private entity take the funding burden off the County down the road?

Chair Parrish: The long-term goal is really the long-term sustainability of the zoo and to take it to the next level. We need to see the combined budget, and a strategic plan for how that budget is going to be sustained. We are committed to insure the future of the zoo. Whether those dollars would come out of the County's general fund or some other funding method remains to be seen. The transitional team will wrestle with that and we hope to contract with the new entity by 2012. We have \$2.5 million in the 2011 budget and, as we go into the 2012 budget, it would be my expectation that we would maintain our support for the zoo. At that point in time, the transition team and the new 501(C)(3) entity will identify what the amount needs to be from the public and then we will make a plan to get there.

Com. Koordnyk: Is the long-term goal to make this a sort of a enterprise entity like the airport or public works? Is this something we are trying to achieve 20 yrs down the road?

Chair Parrish: What the actual model looks like will have to be developed by the transition team. I don't want to pre-suppose, based on my non-profit experience, what it would look like without that group having had an opportunity to give input and decide where they want to go. I think what will happen is the transition team, and then the non-profit that we contract with, will identify the best path to sustainability.

Com. Morgan: There is a possibility that it could become self-sustaining, is there not?

Chair Parrish: Sure. That would be the best case scenario.

Com. Hennessy: What will happen to the employees?

Chair Parrish: The transition team will identify the H/R issues involved. This will be a nuts and bolts transition team. They will have to identify salaries, H/R policies, etc., and they will have to hand-off to the non-profit board fully formed ideas on all of those things.

It is a very exciting time for the zoo and a great opportunity to move the entire operation forward.

Chair Parrish: Thanks for the input. We should have a timeline within the next month or so that will identify all of the benchmarks. We need to do some more work with the Zoo Strategic Planning Committee. These are exciting times for the zoo.

### MISCELLANEOUS

#### Agriculture Preservation

Commissioner Antor: Thanked Gene & Karen from Lancaster PA for coming to Kent County. Encouraged Board members to take advantage of the fact that they are in town and attend the Metro Council event.

#### Fees

Commissioner Rolls: There has been a lot of discussion over the years with regard to fees and how they've changed, especially with the Health Department. The Health Department has very diverse fees including well & septic inspections, immunizations, and restaurant inspections to name a few. Have heard the discontent with regard to continual fee increases and, then today, the comments about why did they wait so long for some fee increases. So, should the Health Department do an annual interview with this Board to see if they sit and wait or do an annual increase? They have taken the time to do a time study and figure out what of their expenses are not being recouped by an appropriate level of fees. So, either we need to understand that the cost increases needs to be allocated to the user (in the form of fee increases) or we need to increase the budget to cover their expenses.

#### Agriculture Preservation

Commissioner Hirsch: Has visited Lancaster four times in the last 10 years and his first impression was how vibrant the County is and how solid the tax base is. There is opposition in funding this in Kent and these are two of the leaders in the U.S. on this issue. Please come to the Grand Valley Metro Council and ask questions.



Sheriff Department & Network180/DDAs/Person of the Year

Commissioner Ponstein: Thanked the Sheriff Department for hosting the Network180 meeting and explaining the mental health services that the KCSD provides. Thanked Treasurer Parrish for his leadership on the Land Bank. This will pay off down the road.

He attended the Grandville Downtown Development Authority meeting and requested that they not capture the senior millage. The DDA will address it at a future meeting. The Grandville mayor will take the issue to the Urban Managers & Mayors Committee to see if we can get everyone on board. Any Commissioners with DDAs in their districts were encouraged to call the mayor or manager and ask them to give consideration to this issue.

Army Veteran Bill Schrader was recognized as the "2011 Business Person of the Year" by the Grandville Jenison Chamber of Commerce.

DDA Captures

Commissioner Morgan: There are other dedicated millages that DDA's capture that they shouldn't be. So, when Commissioners talk to their city managers & mayors, make sure to also mention the corrections millage and a few others that they are collecting.

Grand Rapids Catholic Central Hockey

Commissioner Koorndyk: Congratulations to the Grand Rapids Catholic Central hockey team for winning their first state hockey championship.

Chair Comments

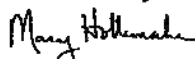
Chair Parrish: Encouraged everyone to attend Grand Valley Metro Council today and talk with Gene Garber (a baseball legend) and have an opportunity to hear more about the PDR program in an atmosphere that will have Q & A.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:55 a.m., Commissioner Ponstein moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, April 14, 2011, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 8:30 a.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Koorndyk. Motion carried.



Sandra Frost Parrish, Chair



Mary Hollinake, County Clerk

# PROCEEDINGS

of the  
**Kent County Board of Commissioners**  
**April 14, 2011 – Regular Meeting**

Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chair Sandi Frost Parrish.

Present: Commissioners Antor, Boelema, Bulkowski, Chivis, Hennessy, Hirsch, Koorndyk, Mast, Morgan, Parrish, Ponstein, Rolls, Saalfeld, Shroll, Talen, Vander Molen, Vonk, Voorhees, Wawee - 19.

Absent: None.

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

## SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

### The Right Place, Inc. Update

Birgit Klohs, President of The Right Place, gave an annual update of accomplishments and new goals. The Right Place, now in its 26<sup>th</sup> year, exceeded its 2010 goals. 2010 saw a capital investment of \$152 million, 1,798 jobs were either created or retained, and they assisted 1,494 companies. Strategic priorities for the next five years (2009-2013) include \$500 million in capital investment, 5,000 new jobs, and \$175 million in new payroll and assisting 7,500 companies. (A copy of the 2010 Annual Report and 2009-2013 Strategic Plan are on file in the County Clerk's Office.)

## PUBLIC COMMENT

- 1) Jim Carr, Kentwood Fire Chief, 4900 Breton Avenue, Kentwood – Here in support of Resolution 4-14-11-27 to Amend Pre-Hazard Mitigation Plan between the City of Kentwood and the Sheriff's Department.
- 2) David Bulkowski, 322 Woodmere, Grand Rapids (Disability Advocates) - Here today on behalf of *Friends of Transit* asking for a "yes" vote on the May 3<sup>rd</sup> transit millage. More information is available at [www.RapidYes.org](http://www.RapidYes.org).

## CONSENT AGENDA

- c) Approval of the Minutes of March 24, 2011, Meeting
- b) April 5, 2011, Finance Committee Meeting Minutes  
(Reports of Claims and Allowances)
- c) Resolutions:

4-14-11-24 – BUDGET APPROPRIATION AND AGREEMENTS WITH  
ALTERNATIVE DIRECTIONS AND JAIL-BASED GED  
SERVICES / CIRCUIT COURT – COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

WHEREAS, the Circuit Court – Office of Community Corrections has received an additional allocation of \$13,926 to fund GED testing and preparation services for eligible felony offenders housed within the Kent County Correctional Facility and eligible felony offenders living in Kent County; and

WHEREAS, the Community Corrections Advisory Board is recommending contracts with Jail-Based GED Services and Alternative Directions to provide GED preparation and testing services to eligible offenders; and

WHEREAS, if approved, Jail-Based GED Services, which currently provides preparation and testing to offenders at the jail, will be able to assist additional offenders to obtain their GED. Alternative Directions will provide testing preparation services to eligible offenders that are not incarcerated and will transport offenders to approved testing sites; and

WHEREAS, the funding is expected to serve approximately 160 eligible offenders; and

WHEREAS, the contracts will be reviewed and approved by Corporate Counsel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby accept and appropriate \$13,926 from the Michigan Office of Community Corrections to the Circuit Court – Office of Community Corrections, and to authorize the Board Chair to sign approved agreements with Alternative Directions and Jail-Based GED Services to provide services.

4-14-11-25 – MICHIGAN COUNCIL FOR ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS (MCACA) 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 2011, MCACA awarded the John Ball Zoological Garden \$15,000; grant period runs from April 8, 2011, through November 30, 2011; 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 \$15,000 from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs to the FY 2011 John Ball Zoological Garden budget in the General Fund.

Motion by Commissioner Boelema, seconded by Commissioner Vonk, that the Consent Agenda items be approved.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Antor, Boelema, Bulkowski, Chivis, Hennessy, Hirsch, Koorndyk, Mast, Morgan, Ponstein, Rolls, Saalfeld, Shroll, Talen, Vander Molen, Vonk, Voorhees, Wawee, Chair Parrish – 19.

Nays: 0.

RESOLUTIONS

4-14-11-26 – APPROVE INCREASED FUNDING AND BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT'S NSP GRANT / COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) Notice published in the *Federal Register* on October 6, 2008, imposes certain limitations and requirements with respect to NSP program income that are based on the eligible use category of Section 2301(c)(3) and the date income is received; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners adopted the Substantial Amendment to the FY 2009 Housing and Community Development Annual Action Plan in November 2008 for \$3,912,796 for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. The NSP appropriation was amended by \$1,070,000 in February 2010 for the resale of sixteen homes which increased the budget to \$4,982,796. The \$698,000 request would increase the amended budget to \$5,680,796; and

WHEREAS, the projected program income must be used for the category under which the income was generated which includes the purchase and rehabilitation of homes and residential properties that have been abandoned or foreclosed upon, in order to sell, rent, or redevelop such homes and properties; and

WHEREAS, the additional \$698,000 in anticipated program income is based on the sale of ten (10) additional houses active in the NSP program. The additional program income would be utilized to create additional affordable units consistent with the current NSP Substantial Agreement; and

WHEREAS, ten percent of the program income received can be used for NSP planning and administration costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves receiving and appropriates an additional \$698,000 to the Community Development's Neighborhood Stabilization Program budget due to eligible use category program income.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Antor, Boelema, Bulkowski, Chivis, Hennessy, Hirsch, Koorndyk, Mast, Morgan, Ponstein, Rolls, Saalfeld, Shroll, Talen, Vander Molen, Vonk, Voorhees, Wawee, Chair Parrish – 19.

Nays: 0.

#### 4-14-11-27 – AMEND PRE-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN – CITY OF KENTWOOD / SHERIFF

WHEREAS, the City of Kentwood, Michigan (the "City") has opted to participate under the Kent County Emergency Management program; and

WHEREAS, to retain eligibility for federal hazard mitigation funds the City of Kentwood must have a current Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kentwood desires to become part of the Kent County Pre-Hazard Mitigation Plan of 2006, also known as the Kent County, Ottawa County, and City of Grand Rapids Pre-Hazard Mitigation Plan of 2006; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kentwood has completed the required process for incorporating the City of Kentwood into the Kent County Pre-Hazard Mitigation Plan of 2006, including the following: the City reviewed and considered the 2006 Kent County, Ottawa County and City of Grand Rapids Pre-Hazard Mitigation Plan of 2006 and the review found that the City had a hazard and risk profile similar to the profiles described in the 2006 regional plan; the City participates in the National Flood Insurance Program and as of September 30, 2010 there are no repetitive loss properties in the City; the City has prepared an amendment to the Kent County Pre-Hazard Mitigation Plan; and the City has followed the appropriate procedures in submitting its proposed amendment to the

State of Michigan, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division and to FEMA; and

WHEREAS, amendment of the Kent County Pre-Hazard Mitigation Plan of 2006 to incorporate the City of Kentwood will make the City of Kentwood eligible for the full complement of Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) Grants including pre-disaster or post-disaster grants subject to all eligibility and application criteria.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners finds that incorporation of the Kentwood amendment into that portion of the regional plan that covers Kent County is appropriate and supports the incorporation of the City of Kentwood under the umbrella of the Kent County Pre-Hazard Mitigation Plan of 2006, also known as the Kent County, Ottawa County, and City of Grand Rapids Pre-Hazard Mitigation Plan of 2006; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Kent County and its planning partners will work with the City of Kentwood when a plan update is initiated next year.

Motion by Commissioner Mast, seconded by Commissioner Saalfeld, moved the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried by voice vote.

#### 4-14-11-28 – JOHN BALL ZOO ORGANIZATIONAL / GOVERNANCE STRATEGIC PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS / JOHN BALL ZOO

WHEREAS, a Strategic Planning Committee consisting of representatives of the County of Kent and the John Ball Zoological Society (“Society”) engaged in a Strategic Planning Exercise to assess the governance and funding opportunities to assure the continued and long-term success of John Ball Zoo; and

WHEREAS, Schultz & Williams, a national management consulting firm having extensive involvement with national and international zoos and experience in preparing more than 25 zoo governance studies, was hired to assist in the project; and

WHEREAS, Schultz & Williams reported that more than 75 percent of Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA)-accredited zoos are publicly owned but under private management with additional zoos moving to that model; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the dramatic growth in attendance and community support over the past five years, the Zoo has grown beyond its current structure; and

WHEREAS, the current organizational structure bifurcates the operations of the zoo between the County and the Society and has resulted in redundancy and inefficiency that hinders the zoo’s ability to position itself for long-term, sustainable growth and success; and

WHEREAS, the Strategic Planning Committee recommended that John Ball Zoo move to a new phase in its organizational development and that a single, private, non-profit entity be established to manage all facets of the operations (administration, operations, management, education, development and membership) with the County continuing to retain ownership of the facilities and collection; and

WHEREAS, the Strategic Planning Committee further recommended that a Transition Committee be established with membership from both organizations and the community to make recommendations regarding the composition and governance of the Non-Profit management entity, the manner in which assets will be transferred to the new entity and the content of the management agreement to be entered into between the County and the Non-Profit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby accepts, in concept, the recommendation of the Strategic Planning to create a public-private partnership governance model for John Ball Zoological Garden, and authorizes the Board Chair to take steps to implement the plan including the appointment of a Transition Committee who shall be directed to:

- Develop a preliminary, combined operating budget for a single management entity as envisioned by the Plan to determine the potential for savings or reinvestment;
- Develop a preliminary list of one-time costs associated with the transition;
- Develop a governance structure for the Non-Profit (number of Board members, Board member job description, initial composition/members, articles of incorporation, bylaws); and
- Make recommendations to the both the County and John Ball Zoological Society regarding transition of staffing and assets to the Non-Profit, and to the Non-Profit regarding the administrative and operational infrastructure necessary to replace County and JBZS operations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the recommendations will be transmitted to the John Ball Zoo Society and Board of Commissioners for referral to the appropriate Standing Committees prior to the end of the year.

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

## REPORTS

### Downtown Development Authority

Commissioner Talen: Reported that the DDA will support an expanded Restaurant Week in 2011. The DDA is working on two different incubator district type proposals. The DDA has been working on a strategic planning process and has gathered community input in trying to figure out how to most effectively partner with others downtown to help with development. The DDA has decided to focus on three areas with action groups: 1) economy, 2) environment, and, 3) experience.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Dutton Fire Station

Commissioner Hirsch: There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony at the newly renovated Dutton Fire Station on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 a.m.

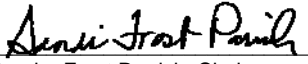
### Bond Rating Trip & Women's Foundation Luncheon

Chair Parrish: We are recently back from the bond rating trip to New York and it was a pleasure to represent Kent County. Administrator Delabbio and Fiscal Services Director Duarte did a great job presenting the County. We will know by April 19<sup>th</sup> if Kent County will retain its AAA rating.

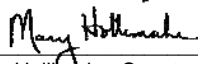
Also, I attended the Women's Foundation Lunch on Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, with Commissioner Shroll where one of this year's honorees was Terri Lynn Land.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:16 a.m., Commissioner Boelema moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, April 28, 2011, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 8:30 a.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Koorndyk. Motion carried.



Sandra Frost Parrish, Chair



Mary Hollibaek, County Clerk

# PROCEEDINGS

of the  
**Kent County Board of Commissioners**  
**April 28, 2011 – Regular Meeting**

Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chair Sandi Frost Parrish.

Present: Commissioners Boelega, Bulkowski, Chivis, Hennessy, Hirsch, Koorndyk, Mast, Morgan, Parrish, Ponstein, Rolls, Saalfeld, Shroll, Vander Molen, Voorhees, Wawee - 16.

Absent: Antor, Talen, Vonk – 3 (Excused).

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

## SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

### Health Department Accreditation Certificate by State

Mark Miller, State Health Services Director, presented to Cathy Raevsky, Health Officer, an Accreditation Certificate for the Health Department. The certificate represents a high level of achievement. Also, presented was a Certificate of Quality which is only earned by one-third of the state's health departments.

### Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Annual Report

Deborah Alderink, Chair, Kent County LEPC, gave the 2010 Annual Report (copy of which is on file in the Office of the County Clerk and online at [www.accesskent.com/lepc](http://www.accesskent.com/lepc)). Both the disaster exercise at Sysco Food Services in May and the industry outreach in November were successes. The 2011 Work Plan consists of identifying new plans and updating 237 existing plans. This year's disaster exercise will be held on May 10th at Reister's Growing Service (Kent City) in Northern Kent County.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

## CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of April 14, 2011, Meeting
- b) April 19, 2011, Finance Committee Meeting Minutes  
(Reports of Claims and Allowances)
- c) Resolutions:



4-28-11-29 – LITTLE PINE ISLAND LAKE –  
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT / DRAIN COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (Part 307 - Inland Lake Levels of Act 451 of 1994) mandates that all dams and outlet structures within the County's jurisdiction be regularly inspected and maintained. In the case of Little Pine Island Lake, this included the replacement of a downstream culvert and removal of brush and sediment from the outlet channel which allows high water to drain from the lake; and

WHEREAS, the Drain Commissioner has incurred a cost of \$6,500 for this activity; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, 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 5, 2011. After receiving no objections or 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 State law, MCL §324.30714(3), the Kent 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.

Motion by Commissioner Voorhees, seconded by Commissioner Vander Molen, that the Consent Agenda items be approved.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Morgan, Rolls, Wawee, Ponstein, Boelema, Voorhees, Hirsch, Saalfeld, Mast, Vander Molen, Hennessy, Bulkowski, Chivis, Koorndyk, Shroll, Chair Parrish – 16.

Nays: 0.

RESOLUTIONS

4-28-11-30 – STANDING RULES / BOARD OF COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Standing Rules were adopted by the Board of Commissioners on April 23, 2009, and amended January 4, 2011; 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 (Chair Parrish – Chair, Commissioners Hirsch, Mast, Morgan, Saalfeld, and Talen) reviewed the Standing Rules with suggestions and changes being solicited from all Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Standing Rules are a result of the deliberations of the Subcommittee as well as language reviewed by Corporate Counsel, and are recommended by the Legislative & Human Resources Committee.

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

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

Motion by Commissioner Saalfeld, seconded by Commissioner Mast, to amend the Standing Rules *Section 9.5 Measures Requiring Two-Thirds (2/3) Vote of Members Elect* by eliminating items:

*E. Purchase of any interest in real property (and)*

*F. Amendments to the annual operating budget.*

Motion to amend carried:

Yeas: Morgan, Rolls, Wawee, Ponstein, Boelema, Voorhees, Hirsch, Saalfeld, Mast, Vander Molen, Hennessy, Bulkowski, Chivis, Koorndyk, Shroll, Chair Parrish – 16.

Nays: 0.

Motion to adopt Resolution 4-28-11-30 as amended carried:

Yeas: Morgan, Rolls, Wawee, Ponstein, Boelema, Voorhees, Hirsch, Saalfeld, Mast, Vander Molen, Hennessy, Bulkowski, Chivis, Koorndyk, Shroll, Chair Parrish – 16.

Nays: 0.

#### 4-28-11-31 – 2011 EQUALIZATION REPORT / EQUALIZATION

WHEREAS, the Kent County Bureau of Equalization has completed its review of the 2011 assessment rolls of the twenty-one (21) townships and nine (9) cities of Kent County; and

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

##### Real Property:

Agricultural	\$ 309,355,300
Commercial	\$ 4,628,214,200
Industrial	\$ 1,241,393,670
Residential	\$13,714,614,950
Developmental	0
TOTAL REAL	\$19,893,578,120

##### Personal Property:

TOTAL PERSONAL	\$ 1,841,588,405
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GRAND TOTAL:	\$21,735,166,525
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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 2011 Kent County Equalization Report attached to this resolution; and

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

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Morgan, Rolls, Wawee, Ponstein, Boelema, Voorhees, Hirsch, Mast, Vander Molen, Hennessy, Bulkowski, Chivis, Koorndyk, Shroll, Chair Parrish – 15.

Nays: 0.

Absent from room: Saalfeld – 1.

#### APPOINTMENT

Community Health Advisory Committee

Motion by Commissioner Shroll, seconded by Commissioner Koorndyk, to appoint Denise Garman to the Community Health Advisory Committee.  
Motion carried by voice vote.

## REPORTS

### 2011 Financial Overview

Steve Duarte, Fiscal Services Director, reviewed the 2011 Financial Overview (copy of which is on file in the Office of the County Clerk). Kent County did maintain its AAA rating from both Standard & Poors and Moodys. Mr. Duarte reviewed the SEV & Taxable Value History, the Debt Statement and the General Fund Revenue and Expense forecasts.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Green Schools Event

Commissioner Shroll: Attended the Fourth Annual Green Schools award ceremony which is presented by Kent County and the Kent Intermediate School District. The ceremony recognizes the hard work that students, teachers and administrators along with the community invest in greening our schools. Not only does this save money but it teaches students at an early age to learn sustainable practices. A total of 76 schools were recognized. She presented five Chairman's Awards to Thornapple Kellogg, Caledonia, Cedar Springs, Rockford and Lowell which did incredible jobs saving money with the measures that they adopted.

### Health Department Accreditation & Sympathy

Commissioner Rolls: Congratulations to the Health Department on its accreditation. Also, thoughts go out to Commissioner Antor and his family with the recent loss of his mother.

### Health Heroes Event

Commissioner Mast: Attended the Health Heroes event last evening which was very impressive. Five organizations were recognized and honored for their efforts relative to healthcare.

### Grand Rapids Business Journal Article

Commissioner Morgan: Would like Commissioners to receive a copy of a recent article from the Grand Rapids Business Journal, written by Dave Czurak, which compares Kent County's liabilities to the six largest counties. Kent County looks very good.

### Standing Rules & Zoo Transition Committee

Chair Parrish: One of the changes with the adoption of the Standing Rules is that we will be presenting a "charge" for each of the subcommittees as they are formed and we will back track and prepare "charges" for all current subcommittees.

Chair Parrish announced the Zoo Transition Team members: Kyle Irwin, Jim Dunlop, Marge Byington Potter, Susan Broman, Dan Molhoek, Commissioner Bulkowski, John Helmholdt, Gary Milligan, Chair Parrish and, one other who has yet to respond. This group will begin to work on the zoo report recommendations right away.

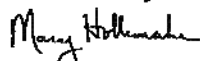
## ADJOURNMENT

At 9:53 a.m., Commissioner Voorhees moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, May 12, 2011, Room 310, County Administration Building, at

8:30 a.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Koorndyk. Motion carried.



Sandra Frost Parrish, Chair



Mary Hollinake, County Clerk

# PROCEEDINGS

of the  
**Kent County Board of Commissioners**  
**May 12, 2011 – Regular Meeting**

Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chair Sandi Frost Parrish.

Present: Commissioners Antor, Boelema, Bulkowski, Chivis, Hennessy, Hirsch, Koorndyk, Mast, Morgan, Parrish, Ponstein, Rolls, Saalfeld, Shroll, Talen, Vander Molen, Vonk, Voorhees, Wawee - 19.

Absent: None.

Invocation: Commissioner Hirsch introduced two students - a) Julien Turley, a senior from Kelloggsville High School, who gave the invocation and, b) his daughter, Clarissa, who read an explanation of The Pledge of Allegiance.  
The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

## SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

### Grand Rapids Community College Update

President Steven C. Ender, Ed.D. presented a brief update on where the college is and where it is going (copy of which is on file in the Office of the County Clerk). GRCC continues to try to keep the tuition rates affordable. One out of three college-going students coming out of secondary schools attends GRCC as their first college. There are financial issues. State aid has decreased by \$191.00 per student. The college is in a crucial time of transition as we discuss how to restructure and do more with less money. Property tax declines equate to \$344 less per student. GRCC remains committed to maintaining quality academic programs, keeping tuition as low as reasonably possible and remaining a good community citizen and great place to work.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Scott Atchison, District 19 – Once again asked the Board to fund, support and sponsor a downtown information booth. The information booth would be open 365 days a year assisting visitors from out of town.
2. Kris Triick, 480 Hayes, Marne (Ottawa County) - Representing Trrick Farms, she is back to express her concern, once again, about the proposed bike trail connecting the White Pine and Musketawa Trails adjacent to their property. The family had been told that the DNR had come up with an alternate route through the Marne Bog, but they just learned that the Kent County Road Commission will move forward with the original trail. She is frustrated since she can't seem to get any information from the road commission on the status of the project.
3. Undersheriff Jon Hess – The 2011 Distracted Driver Awareness Program's presentation of awards was held on April 21<sup>st</sup>. The program "Buckle Up, Heads Up & Hang Up" has been a success with involvement from over 20,000 students. Commissioner Vonk was the featured speaker at the awards.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of April 28, 2011, Meeting
- b) May 3, 2011, Finance Committee Meeting Minutes  
(Reports of Claims and Allowances)

Motion by Commissioner Hirsch, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, that the Consent Agenda items be approved.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Shroll, Koorndyk, Chivis, Talen, Bulkowski, Hennessy, Vander Molen, Mast, Saalfeld, Hirsch, Voorhees, Boelema, Ponstein, Wawee, Rolls, Morgan, Antor, Vonk, Chair Parrish – 19.

Nays: 0.

RESOLUTIONS

5-12-11-32 – AUTHORIZATION OF A SUMMER 2011 (JULY 1, 2011)  
GENERAL OPERATING PROPERTY TAX LEVY / BOARD  
OF COMMISSIONERS / FISCAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, pursuant to MCLA 141.412 and 141.413 notice of a public hearing concerning the 2011 County Budget was published in a newspaper of general circulation on October 21, 2010, and a public hearing concerning the budget was held on November 4, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Kent County Board of Commissioners adopted a Fiscal Year 2011 Appropriation on November 18, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the budget as adopted requires the levy of 4.2803 mills for general operating purposes to be authorized for the 2011 summer tax billing which has a tax levy date of July 1, 2011.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby certifies a July 1, 2011, 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 Hennessy, seconded by Commissioner Voorhees, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion by Commissioner Ponstein, seconded by Commissioner Talen, to amend the resolution to levy the full authorized millage rate.

Motion failed:

Yeas: Chivis, Talen, Hennessy, Ponstein – 4.

Nays: Shroll, Koorndyk, Bulkowski, Vander Molen, Mast, Saalfeld, Hirsch, Voorhees, Boelema, Wawee, Rolls, Morgan, Antor, Vonk, Chair Parrish – 15.

Motion to adopt Resolution 5-12-11-32 carried:

Yeas: Shroll, Koorndyk, Chivis, Talen, Bulkowski, Hennessy, Vander Molen, Mast, Saalfeld, Hirsch, Voorhees, Boelema, Ponstein, Wawee, Rolls, Morgan, Antor, Vonk, Chair Parrish – 19.

Nays: 0.

5-12-11-33 – GRANT OF DRAINAGE EASEMENTS TO ROAD  
COMMISSION / DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

WHEREAS, the Kent County Road Commission has received Federal funding to improve and widen 10-Mile Road in Plainfield/Algoma Township during the 2011 and 2012 construction season. The construction will include a five-lane curb and gutter roadway, a 4-foot wide bike path on both the north and south side of 10-Mile Road, with traffic signals being added to the 10-Mile and Wolven and 10 Mile and Childsdale intersections. To accomplish these improvements, the Road Commission requires a grading permit, a right to enter and reconstruct a driveway, and drainage easements along 10-Mile Road; and

WHEREAS, the County is the owner of the land over which Road Commission requires grading permits, rights of entry, and easements; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works (DPW) has reviewed the 10-Mile Road project plan, and has no objection to the Kent County Road Commission's request. The DPW will benefit from a widened road, and construction of a driveway approach; and

WHEREAS, the Road Commission agrees to undertake maintenance of the permanent drainage easements and will indemnify the County against any claims arising out of the use of these easements; and

WHEREAS, Assistant Corporate Counsel has reviewed and approved the grading permits, right to enter and reconstruct a driveway approach, and drainage easement agreements for execution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby grants the Kent County Road Commission's request for temporary grading permits, the right to enter and reconstruct a driveway approach, and two drainage easements to accomplish the road widening project at 10-Mile Road in Plainfield Township; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Administrator is authorized to execute the temporary grading permit and the right to enter and reconstruct a driveway approach; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Chair or her designee is authorized to execute the drainage easements.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Shroll, Koorndyk, Chivis, Talen, Bulkowski, Hennessy, Vander Molen, Mast, Saalfeld, Voorhees, Boelema, Ponstein, Wawee, Rolls, Morgan, Antor, Vonk, Chair Parrish – 18.

Nays: Hirsch - 1.

## APPOINTMENT

### Family and Children's Coordinating Council

Motion by Commissioner Koorndyk, seconded by Commissioner Voorhees, to appoint Maureen Noe to the Family and Children's Coordinating Council.

Motion carried by voice vote.

## REPORTS

### Downtown Development Authority

Commissioner Talen: The DDA met yesterday. The project reconstructing Grandville Avenue was scuttled because they didn't plan for bicycle lanes. This is an interesting watershed on how things are being looked at in Grand Rapids. There is a lot of energy around creating a walkable / bikeable downtown. The DDA will appear at our next meeting to talk about its new strategic planning process now underway.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### South East Farmers Market

Commissioner Chivis: Announced that the Southeast Farmers Market will open on May 21<sup>st</sup> at Garfield Park, 334 Burton Street (new location). Also, a satellite market will run on Wednesdays from 2 – 7 pm at Gerald R. Ford Middle School at 851 Madison Avenue SE.

### Prayer Breakfast & Road Commission

Commissioner Rolls: Attended the Michigan Prayer Breakfast in Lansing yesterday as did the Undersheriff and Chief Deputy, all representing Kent County and the Sheriff's Department.

### Triick Farm

Commissioner Rolls: Not sure what is happening with the trails and the Triick family but can say that, during his ten years on the BOC, his dealings with Jon Rice and the Road Commission have always shown him to be extremely competent, fiscally conservative, and always willing to work with him and the community. So, for Commissioner Rolls to hear that there is a road block, there must be something he is missing. Thank you, Chair Parrish, for looking into this matter.

Chair Parrish reiterated that we are looking into this matter.

Commissioner Vander Molen: Agree with Commissioner Rolls. Jon Rice is here and I think we should hear the rest of the story today.

Commissioner Hirsch: Has walked the Triick farm property and you cannot walk that route and say that that farm is not going to be negatively impacted by this trail because it is. It was a unanimous vote by the Ottawa County Commissioners to seek an alternative route. They've worked with the DNR and come up with an agreement to seek an alternative route and so Hirsch does not know why Kent's road commission is still trying to make this happen. I'm very much in favor of working with the road commission to find an alternative route and I'd appreciate us doing that.

Chair Parrish asked Jon Rice, Managing Director of the Kent County Road Commission, to comment on the current status of trail project.

Jon Rice, Road Commission: This project has certainly had a lot of controversy associated with it. Our role in this project is as a design consultant. KCRC works for: 1) County of Kent – Parks Department for the portion that is in Kent County, and 2) DNR – which has the portion in Ottawa County. KCRC does not pick the route. All we have done is the design process that has been directed by those two parties. We are at a point where Phase I, the Ottawa County portion, is ready to go to contract and there have been some positive discussions about changing the route across the Triick property. The dilemma that we are in at the KCRC is that we have submitted the project to MDOT for bidding that phase. The funds that are to cover that phase are federal funds that could potentially expire unless this moves forward. These funds can be pulled in at anytime by Congress. If we don't get part of this trail to contract, then the funds more than likely will be lost. What we have been directed to do by County of Kent and the DNR is to go forward with putting Phase I out to contract with the understanding that if Ottawa County can pull off this change, then we will work with the change order after we have a contractor on board. Once the funds are obligated and committed to the project, then we can move forward making the needed changes. Ottawa County will probably be responsible for the cost of any



changes but, apparently, they have agreed to that. That issue is between Ottawa County and the DNR.

#### Emergency Management Class

Commissioner Saalfeld: The Sheriff's Department, through its Emergency Management Coordinator, will hold three 2-hour classes in May entitled *Incident Command System Overview for Executives and Senior Officials*. He encouraged all Commissioners to attend a session, if they have not already done so.

#### Triick Farm Communication & Motion to Amend Resolution

Commissioner Ponstein: Thanked Jon Rice for attending the meeting today. The Commissioner received four different stories from the Triick family, DNR, Ottawa County and the Road Commission. He suggested that the parties get together and talk with each other over the issue.

#### Property Tax Levy Increase

Commissioner Ponstein: Thanked Commissioners for voting on his motion today. Kent County's staff is trying to build a budget and he feels that the Board has never given them a clear message on whether this Board is willing to increase the levy rate up to the full allotted millage. We are looking at \$5 million worth of cuts. We have organizations and groups looking at us to fund them. Who are we going to turn down? These are going to be tough decisions and the motion made today was "do we want to minimize those cuts?" County staff does a great job and, across the country, Kent County is held in great regard and it's not because we frivolously spend money. We are getting to the point where cuts are going to impact services – plain and simple.

#### Sympathy

Commissioner Antor: Thanked all for the expressions of sympathy due to his mother's recent passing.

#### Conflict of Interest Statements

Civil Counsel Dan Ophoff explained that the Community Development Department administers an annual community block grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The block grant program is governed by its own conflict of interest provisions which apply to, among others, elected officials. In circumstances where HUD determines there is a potential for a conflict of interest, federal regulations provide for an exemption request related to that possible conflict of interest. All Commissioners were asked to complete Community Development Department Conflict of Interest Disclosures to identify potential issues. HUD requires that a request for an exemption be preceded by a public disclosure of an identified potential conflict of interest. Chair Parrish and Commissioner Bulkowski will make public disclosures this morning as part of that exemption request process and, as noted, this is nearly identical to the NSP issues that have come before the Board previously.

#### Disclosure Statement for Dick Bulkowski

I am taking this opportunity to publicly disclose circumstances that HUD has identified as creating a conflict of interest due to my relationship as an immediate family member of Dave Bulkowski, Executive Director of Disability Advocates of Kent County.

The general rule from HUD regulations (24 CFR 570.611(b)) is that no person "who exercise or have exercised any functions or responsibilities with respect to CDBG activities assisted under this part, or who are in a position to participate in a decision making process or gain inside information with regard to such activities, may obtain a

financial interest or benefit from a CDBG-assisted activity, or have a financial interest in any contract, subcontract, or agreement with respect to a CDBG-assisted activity, or with respect to the proceeds of the CDBG-assisted activity, either for themselves or those with whom they have business or immediate family ties, during their tenure or for one year thereafter”.

The Kent County Community Development Department administers the CDBG funds granted by HUD to Kent County. By virtue of my position as elected Commissioner on the Kent County Board of Commissioners, I may participate in the decision making process relating to funding Disability Advocates of Kent County with CDBG funds. In compliance with state law and local conflict of interest policies, I will publicly acknowledge my connection with Disability Advocates of Kent County and will decline to vote on any award of CDBG funding as recommended by the Kent County Community Development Department. Under these circumstances, HUD has determined, there is a conflict of interest.

HUD regulations (24 CFR 570.611(d)) further state, ...“upon the written request of the recipient, HUD may grant an exception to the provisions of paragraph (b) of this section” when a public disclosure is made of the nature of the conflict of interest, and when an opinion of the CDBG recipient’s attorney determines that the conflict of interest for which the exception is sought would not violate state or local law.” In accordance with this regulation, I publicly disclose my connection with Disability Advocates of Kent County and express my intention to recuse myself from participating in discussions about CDBG funding and to abstain from voting on any decisions relating to Kent County CDBG funds. I will not participate in discussions connected with recommendations related to the use of Kent County CDBG funds.

Kent County Community Development Department will submit this public disclosure to HUD and request an exception to HUD’s conflict of interest regulatory provisions. Additionally, County legal counsel will submit an opinion that granting the requested exception will not violate state or local law. The exception, if granted by HUD, will allow CDBG funding for Disability Advocates of Kent County. Thank you

#### Disclosure Statement for Sandi Frost Parrish

I am taking this opportunity to publicly disclose circumstances that HUD has identified as creating a conflict of interest due to my position as Owner and President of Parrish Consulting. Parrish Consulting is a licensed fundraising consulting firm in the State of Michigan. It contracts solely with non-profit organizations for the purpose of strategic planning, board development, annual fund and capital campaign consulting. Five non-profit community organizations that I am currently under contract with receive funding through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. They are Arbor Circle, Community Rebuilders, Disability Advocates of Kent County, Salvation Army of West Michigan and Senior Meals.

The general rule from HUD regulations (24 CFR 570.611(b)) is that no person “who exercise or have exercised any functions or responsibilities with respect to CDBG activities assisted under this part, or who are in a position to participate in a decision making process or gain inside information with regard to such activities, may obtain a financial interest or benefit from a CDBG-assisted activity, or have a financial interest in any contract, subcontract, or agreement with respect to a CDBG-assisted activity, or with respect to the proceeds of the CDBG-assisted activity, either for themselves or those with whom they have business or immediate family ties, during their tenure or for one year thereafter”.

The Kent County Community Development Department administers the CDBG funds granted by HUD to Kent County. By virtue of my position as elected Commissioner on the Kent County Board of Commissioners, I may participate in the

decision making process relating to funding non-profit entities that receive CDBG funds. In compliance with state law and local conflict of interest policies, I will publicly acknowledge my connection to the listed non-profit entities and will decline to vote on any award of CDBG funding as recommended by the Kent County Community Development Department. Under these circumstances, HUD has determined, there is a conflict of interest.

HUD regulations (24 CFR 570.611(d)) further state, ...“upon the written request of the recipient, HUD may grant an exception to the provisions of paragraph (b) of this section” when a public disclosure is made of the nature of the conflict of interest, and when an opinion of the CDBG recipient’s attorney determines that the conflict of interest for which the exception is sought would not violate state or local law.” In accordance with this regulation, I publicly disclose my connection with the listed non-profit entities and express my intention to recuse myself from participating in discussions about CDBG funding and to abstain from voting on any decisions relating to Kent County CDBG funds. I will not participate in discussions connected with recommendations related to the use of Kent County CDBG funds.

Kent County Community Development Department will submit this public disclosure to HUD and request an exception to HUD conflict of interest regulatory provisions. Additionally, County legal counsel will submit an opinion that granting the requested exception will not violate state or local law. The exception, if granted by HUD, will allow CDBG funding to Kent County for Arbor Circle, Community Rebuilders, Disability Advocates of Kent County, Salvation Army of West Michigan and Senior Meals. Thank you.

#### Next BOC Meeting

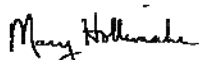
Chair Parrish: The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Commission, Thursday, May 26 will be rescheduled to Tuesday, May 24, 2011.

#### ADJOURNMENT

At 9:42 a.m., Commissioner Hirsch moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Tuesday, May 24, 2011, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 8:30 a.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Bulkowski. Motion carried.



Sandra Frost Parrish, Chair



Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk

# PROCEEDINGS

of the  
**Kent County Board of Commissioners**  
**May 24, 2011 – Regular Meeting**

Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chair Sandi Frost Parrish.

Present: Commissioners Antor, Boelema, Bulkowski, Chivis, Hennessy, Hirsch, Koornyk, Mast, Morgan, Parrish, Ponstein, Rolls, Saalfeld, Shroll, Talen, Vander Molen, Vonk, Voorhees, Wawee - 19.

Absent: None.

Invocation: Commissioner Saalfeld introduced Pastor Craig Bickel, Immanuel Lutheran Church, who gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

## SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

### Grand Rapids Downtown Development Authority

Kayem Dunn, Chair, and Jay Fowler, Executive Director of the Downtown Development Authority, gave an update on the DDA and its new *Framework Plan*. The DDA partners with the County by capturing tax dollars which would otherwise go to the County. By reinvesting all the dollars into the *Downtown Alliance* and/or *Experience Grand Rapids*, they have a framework for investment. Having a well maintained and attractive core is important. The DDA Framework Plan recommends the establishment of three action groups to guide DDA investment and monitor progress in the Framework's key focus area of Economy (a prosperous downtown), Environment (a comfortable and enjoyable place were people want to be) and Experience (unique places, spaces, events and culture). The action groups will provide a review of proposals that come forward and generate new ideas and the work of these groups will be evaluated after one year.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

## CONSENT AGENDA

- b) Approval of the Minutes of May 12, 2011, Meeting
- b) May 17, 2011, Finance Committee Meeting Minutes (Reports of Claims and Allowances)
- c) Resolutions:

5-24-11-34 – FY 2010-11 ACCESS AND VISITATION GRANT / FRIEND OF THE COURT

WHEREAS, the 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 original contract amount of \$13,550 was included in the County's FY 2011 adopted budget; the amended contract amount is \$16,770; and

WHEREAS, the FOC has requested an additional appropriation of \$3,220 to the Access and Visitation Grant in the Special Projects Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approves the appropriation of \$3,220 from the Michigan State Court Administrative Office to the FOC Access and Visitation Grant in the Special Projects Fund.

5-24-11-35 – DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT SPECIAL REVENUE FUND  
– BUDGET AMENDMENT / SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Drug Law Enforcement Fund accounts for assets seized from activities involved in the violation of controlled substances statutes, Public Act 135 of 1985 (MCL 333.7523). Authorized expenditures include expenses of seizure, forfeiture and sale of property; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2011 budget, as adopted by the Board of Commissioners, included a \$231,346 appropriation for the Drug Law Enforcement Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Drug Law Enforcement Fund's Federally Forfeited Property Program has reserves and any balance remaining must be used to enhance law enforcement efforts. The Sheriff's Department has two years to spend the seized funds; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff Department is requesting an additional \$90,000 be appropriated to the Federally Forfeited Property Program budget in the Drug Law Enforcement Special Revenue Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approves the appropriation from the Sheriff's Department Drug Law Enforcement reserves of an additional \$90,000 to the Sheriff's Department Drug Law Enforcement Special Revenue Fund budget.

Motion by Commissioner Saalfeld, seconded by Commissioner Koorndyk, that the Consent Agenda items be approved.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Antor, Boelema, Bulkowski, Chivis, Hennessy, Hirsch, Koorndyk, Mast, Morgan, Ponstein, Rolls, Saalfeld, Shroll, Talen, Vander Molen, Vonk, Voorhees, Wawee, Chair Parrish – 19.

Nays: 0.

RESOLUTIONS

5-24-11-36 – FISCAL POLICY – MILLAGE REQUESTS / BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS / FISCAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, Board Chair Sandi Frost Parrish established a Millage Subcommittee (Commissioner VanderMolen, Chair; Commissioners Bulkowski, Ponstein, Shroll, and Wawee) to review potential countywide millages that may be requested during 2011 and 2012; and

WHEREAS, as part of its deliberations, the Subcommittee reviewed the existing Fiscal Policy – Millage Requests and found some inconsistencies in the Policy as it relates to state statutes related to elections that were implemented subsequent to the adoption of the Policy, as well as some procedural and timing constraints; and

WHEREAS, the proposed policy provides for a longer timeframe for the millage requests to be made to enable the County to review and analyze the request in greater detail; and

WHEREAS, the proposed policy also includes a requirement to identify the proposed fiduciary of any millage being requested, as part of the application process; and

WHEREAS, the Millage Subcommittee is recommending that the Fiscal Policy – Millage Requests, be amended accordingly.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves the Fiscal Policy – Millage Requests.

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

5-24-11-37 – AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF KENT HOSPITAL FINANCE  
AUTHORITY REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2011 – SPECTRUM  
HOSPITALS / FISCAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Kent Hospital Finance Authority (the "Authority") proposes to issue bonds (the "Bonds") for the benefit of Spectrum Health and certain affiliates (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, renovate and equip health care facilities located at 1840 Wealthy SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan, generally consisting of the construction of a 158,000 square foot addition to the hospital, the relocation of hospital beds, renovations and expansion of existing areas of the hospital and the replacement of eight operating rooms in the approximate amount of \$61,300,000; (ii) to finance or refinance the acquisition and equipping of a medical office building located at 221 Michigan Street NE, Grand Rapids, Michigan in the approximate amount of \$20,000,000; (iii) to refund the existing Kent Hospital Finance Authority Revenue and Refunding Bonds (Spectrum Health) Series 2005B originally issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$100,000,000; (iv) to refund the existing Kent Hospital Finance Authority Revenue Refunding Bonds (Spectrum Health System) Series 2008B-1 originally issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$75,000,000; (v) to pay a portion of the interest on the Bonds; and (vi) 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 \$250,000,000 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 13, 2011, 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 Vander Molen, seconded by Commissioner Mast, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried by voice vote.

5-24-11-38 – BIENNIAL UPDATE OF PURCHASING POLICIES / FISCAL SERVICES – PURCHASING DIVISION

WHEREAS, a periodic review of the County's Purchasing Policies has been conducted with updates recommended to streamline business practices while continuing to foster fair and open competition; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Division, along with staff from Fiscal Services, Health, Aeronautics, DPW, Parks, Sheriff's, Circuit Court and Facilities reviewed the policies to assure continued relevance of the policies in supporting all County operations and to maintain consistency with the model Procurement Code for State and Local Government; and

WHEREAS, recommended updates include:

- Process to redeploy surplus County assets between departments.
- Change open market limits for sealed bids / RFP's from \$20,000 to \$50,000
- Eliminate process for removing and inactivating non-responsive bidders from the vendor registration (commodity) lists.
- Increase limits for Bid Security bond amounts from \$250,000 to \$500,000.
- Added reverse auction exception to the Purchasing – Open Market for Goods/Services \$50,000 and Over Policy
- Clarify local vendor definition per the 2010 Purchasing Subcommittee recommendation; and

WHEREAS, the revised policies include the following sections:

- Purchasing Policy – Centralized Purchasing
- Purchasing Policy – Goods/Services under \$50,000
- Purchasing Policy – Goods/Services \$50,000 and Over; and

WHEREAS, if approved by the Board, the policies will be effective June 1, 2011.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves the revised Purchasing Policies.

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

5-24-11-39 – JOHN BALL ZOO ORGANIZATIONAL / GOVERNANCE STRATEGIC PLAN TRANSITION COMMITTEE FUNDING / JOHN BALL ZOO

WHEREAS, a Strategic Planning Committee consisting of representatives of the County of Kent and the John Ball Zoological Society ("Society") recommended that John Ball Zoo move to a new phase in its

organizational development and that a single, private, non-profit entity be established to manage all facets of the operations with the County continuing to retain ownership of the facilities and collection; and

WHEREAS, on April 14, 2011, the Board of Commissioners accepted, in concept, the recommendation, and authorized the Board Chair to take steps to implement the plan including appointment of a Transition Committee with membership of both the County and the John Ball Zoological Society to make recommendations regarding the composition and governance of the Non-Profit management entity, the manner in which assets will be transferred to the new entity and the content of the management agreement to be entered into between the County and the Non-Profit; and

WHEREAS, while it is expected that some County staff and resources will be available to the project within existing departmental appropriation levels, the Transition Committee requires financial and other resources to complete its work; and

WHEREAS, since the work of the Transition Committee will address functions currently performed by the John Ball Zoological Society as well as the County, and because the Society desires to support the work of the Transition Committee in moving the Zoo to this new model of organization and governance, the Zoo Society has agreed to fund 50 percent of the expenses of the committee up to \$36,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby appropriates \$72,000 to the Management Studies Program in the General Fund to fund the work of the John Ball Zoo Transition Committee.

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

(Commissioner Morgan requested a roll call vote.)

Motion carried:

Yeas: Antor, Boelema, Bulkowski, Chivis, Hennessy, Koorndyk, Mast, Morgan, Rolis Saalfeld, Shroll, Talen, Vander Molen, Vonk, Voorhees, Wawee, Chair Parrish – 17.

Nays: Hirsch, Ponstein - 2.

#### 5-24-11-40 – COLLABORATIVE PARKS STUDY GRANT ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION / PARKS

WHEREAS, in 2010, a subcommittee of the Legislative and Human Resources Committee was established to *identify existing and potential collaborations between Kent County, the private sector, and governmental entities in the areas of parks, trail systems, recreation, and open space preservation in order to sustain and improve the quality of park experiences throughout Kent County*. The findings and recommendations of the subcommittee were presented to the Legislative Committee on January 25, 2011, and included the following:

*The Subcommittee recommends that the County partner with its local units and community stakeholders to jointly fund and conduct a detailed collaborative services study of parks and recreational system; and*

WHEREAS, in early 2011, Chair Parrish directed staff to begin the process to secure funding for the study and the County has since submitted grant applications in the amount of \$75,000. To date, the County has been awarded \$25,000 from the Grand Rapids Community Foundation and additional applications have been submitted to several other foundations including the Frey Foundation and the Wege Foundation. Decisions regarding these grant applications are expected in mid- to late- 2011; and



WHEREAS, the total estimated cost to complete the study is up to \$100,000 of which \$75,000 is expected to be secured from grants; \$10,000 from the County (available in the Management Studies Budget); and a total of \$15,000 from partnering municipalities which are yet to be determined; and

WHEREAS, the study will be completed in two phases of which the initial \$25,000 award from the Grand Rapids Community Foundation and \$10,000 Kent County allocation will enable the study to begin; and

WHEREAS, Chair Parrish will be appointing a citizens committee in 2011 to guide the issuance of an RFP to identify a consultant/firm to complete the study.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners accepts and appropriates \$25,000 from the Grand Rapids Community Foundation, as well as appropriates up to \$65,000 in additional pending grant applications or from contributions from partnering municipalities to the Management Studies Budget, and authorize the Board Chair or her designee to sign all documents, pending approval of Corporate Counsel.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Antor, Boelema, Bulkowski, Chivis, Hennessy, Hirsch, Koorndyk, Mast, Morgan, Ponstein, Rolls, Saalfeld, Shroll, Talen, Vander Molen, Vonk, Voorhees, Wawee, Chair  
Parrish – 19.

Nays: 0.

#### REPORTS

There were no reports.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

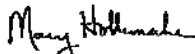
There was no miscellaneous.

#### ADJOURNMENT

At 9:15 a.m., Commissioner Saalfeld moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, June 9, 2011, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 8:30 a.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Koorndyk. Motion carried.



Sandra Frost Parrish, Chair



Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk

# PROCEEDINGS

of the  
**Kent County Board of Commissioners**  
**June 9, 2011 – Regular Meeting**

Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chair Sandi Frost Parrish.

Present: Commissioners Antor, Boelema, Bulkowski, Chivis, Hennessy, Hirsch, Koorndyk, Mast, Morgan, Parrish, Ponstein, Rolls, Saalfeld, Shroll, Talen, Vander Molen, Vonk, Voorhees, Wawee - 19.

Absent: None.

Invocation: Commissioner Mast introduced Reverend Daniel Bud, Hillside Community Church, who gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

## SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

### Transit Study Update - GVMC

Don Stypula, Executive Director - Grand Valley Metro Council ("GVMC") - reported that the Transit Needs Assessment Study was conducted to determine the overall demand for transportation service in areas of Kent County with minimal or no public transportation service. RLS & Associates, Inc. from Dayton, Ohio conducted the survey. Mr. Stypula introduced Consultant Kevin Mischler to review the study results and recommendations (copy on file in the County Clerk's Office).

Mr. Mischler explained that the study covered: 1) existing conditions; 2) transportation needs assessment; 3) transit service alternatives; and, 4) financial governance alternatives. In August and September 2010, over 1,000 Kent County households (not currently served by existing transportation services) were surveyed via telephone on their need/interest in using public transportation. Approximately 39% said that they were "very likely" or "somewhat likely" to use it. Several key factors, including development, will continue to accelerate in locations outside The Rapid service area, and as the population continues to age, the demand for more public transportation will grow. Recommendations were broken down into three priorities. The First Priority would encompass: Commuter Express Routes – weekday peak to downtown; route extensions / new routes – expand The Rapid fixed route system; Go!Bus – Countywide service area for seniors and disabled living in six cities; County demand response service – outside six cities. The Second Priority would do a portion of those services as would the Third Priority. A copy of the full report is available on the Grand Valley Metro Council's website: [www.gvmc.org](http://www.gvmc.org). Funding for any of the priorities would require a millage.

The next step would be for the GVMC to put together a subcommittee of the full Board of Directors.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Rae Bower, Board Member of Disability Advocates – A disabled person herself, she gets around via the GO!Bus and supports the recommendations from the transit needs study.
2. Casey Dutmers, 4950 Bayberry Farms, Wyoming - A volunteer for Disability Advocates. He believes that the consultants did a good job on the study. There is a need for countywide Go!Bus system by all citizens, not just disabled. He supports the recommendations.
3. David Bulkowski, Disability Advocates, Supports recommendations of the transit needs study. The report's data shows that there is a demand for increased service. He believes that, with this study, we are moving in the right direction.
4. Frank Levin, 3446 Devin NE, Grand Rapids – Wishes countywide transportation would have been available when his son got his first job. He, too, would like to be able to take a bus to work. He supports the recommendations.
5. Joan Konyndyk, Hope Network – As the Director of ParaTransportation Services for Hope Network, sees the need for public transportation every day and supports the recommendations.
6. Mike Guswiler, West Michigan Sports Commission – Announced that the Meijer State Games will be held June 24 – 26, 2011, and invited all to attend. The games have been expanded from 15 to 25 sports this year. He will present the annual report of the Commission to the Board in August.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Mast, seconded by Commissioner Vander Molen, that the Minutes of the May 23, 2011, meeting be approved.

Motion carried by voice vote.

### RESOLUTIONS

#### 6-9-11-41 – PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS OPTION AGREEMENT / KENT / MSU EXTENSION

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners approved the Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) Ordinance on November 26, 2002. In January 2009, the Legislative and Human Resources Committee approved selection criteria for the purchase of development rights by the County, and authorized the Agricultural Preservation Board to accept applications from landowners to participate in the program; and

WHEREAS, in March 2011, the County was notified of additional federal funding for PDR for the 2010 grant application cycle; and

WHEREAS, the Agricultural Preservation Board is recommending that an option agreement be extended for the purchase of development rights on 73.15 acres located in Sparta Township (James A. Bradford Family Trust; \$110,000; PPN's: 41-05-11-100-008; 41-05-11-100-006; 41-05-11-300-003; and 41-05-11-300-005) based on their compliance with the federal criteria, the County criteria, and the availability of matching funds; and

WHEREAS, the Agricultural Preservation Program has funds available to pay the cost of appraisals and option fees; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners authorizes the following: 1) offer an option for the purchase of development rights on one property as recommended by the Agricultural Preservation Board; 2) authorize submission of a grant application for a maximum of 50 percent of the cost of the development rights from the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm and Ranch Land Protection Program; 3) authorize the exercise of the option and purchase the development rights on any lands approved for funding by the USDA's Farmland Preservation Program and for which local match has been secured; and 4) appropriate any federal grant funds received to the Agricultural Preservation Program; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that the County Administrator/Controller, or his designee, is authorized to sign all documents required by this resolution in a form approved by Corporate Counsel.

Motion by Commissioner Antor, seconded by Commissioner Hirsch, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Wawee, Vonk, Vander Molen, Talen, Shroll, Saalfeld, Rolls, Ponstein, Morgan, Mast, Hirsch, Hennessy, Chivis, Bulkowski, Boelema, Antor, Chair Parrish - 17.

Nays: Voorhees, Koorndyk -2.

6-9-11-42 – EXTENSION OF LEASE WITH PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP  
10-MILE ROAD PROPERTY / PUBLIC WORKS

WHEREAS, the County of Kent entered into a lease with Plainfield Charter Township in 2003 for certain property located on 10-Mile Road in Rockford, Michigan which required the township to take action to develop the leased property for public recreation purposes no later than September 23, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the township has requested an extension in the date by which it must take action to develop the property for public recreation; and

WHEREAS, the County is willing to grant the requested extension and allow the township until September 23, 2018, to take the action to develop the property for public recreation; and

WHEREAS, the extension has been documented in a written Lease Amendment which has been approved and executed by the township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves the proposed Lease Amendment, and authorizes and directs the Board Chair and/or the County Administrator/Controller to sign the Lease Amendment and associated documents for and on behalf of the County.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Wawee, Voorhees, Vonk, Vander Molen, Talen, Shroll, Saalfeld, Rolls, Ponstein, Morgan, Mast, Koorndyk, Hirsch, Hennessy, Chivis, Bulkowski, Boelema, Antor, Chair Parrish – 19.

Nays: 0.

REPORTS

Consolidation Subcommittee

Commissioner Morgan: Reported that the Consolidation Subcommittee held its first meeting. There was confusion with regard to their charge. First, we need to ask the fundamental question first: should we undergo a consolidation with the

City of Grand Rapids?

Commissioner Hennessy: No one understands what Kent County does, what services the County provides and how it does not overlap with the City of Grand Rapids. We need to increase awareness of what the County does and how we work with other governments collaboratively already.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

##### GM Plant Demolition

Commissioner Mast: He attended the demolition meeting for the GM Plant on 36<sup>th</sup> Street. The plant will be demolished by the end of this year. The good news is that The Right Place is getting inquiries on the property.

##### Public Transportation

Commissioner Mast: He plans to attend the Meijer State Games; however, there are individuals in the County who will be unable to attend due to the fact that they have no access to public transportation.

##### Transit Needs Study

Commissioner Talen: Appreciated the transit report today and would like to receive a copy of the 2007 study/report that was referenced.

##### Handicap Restrooms

Commissioner Vonk: Concerned that disabled citizens attending public meetings of the Board of Commission (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor) have to go to the Monroe Level of the building to access a handicap restroom.

##### Costa Rica

Commissioner Rolls: On a recent trip to Costa Rica, he learned that they have a countrywide land use plan.

##### Second Grade Class Trip

Commissioner Hirsch: Visited the County Building yesterday with his daughter's second grade class. Thanked the County Clerk, Mary Hollinrake, and Assistant Administrator, Wayman Britt, for visiting with the class and teaching them about county government.

##### Lip Dub Video

Commissioner Voorhees: He was out of the country when the Lip Dub video came out but heard that many were very impressed.

##### Grand Rapids Triathlon

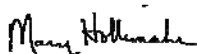
Chair Parrish: Participated in last weekend's Grand Rapids Triathlon.

#### ADJOURNMENT

At 10:10 a.m., Commissioner Mast moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, June 23, 2011, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 8:30 a.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Vonk. Motion carried.



Sandi Frost Parrish, Chair



Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk

# PROCEEDINGS

of the  
**Kent County Board of Commissioners**  
**June 23, 2011 – Regular Meeting**

Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chair Sandi Frost Parrish.

Present: Commissioners Antor, Boelema, Bulkowski, Chivis, Hennessy, Hirsch, Koorndyk Mast, Morgan, Parrish, Saalfeld, Shroll, Talen, Vander Molen, Vonk, Voorhees, Wawee - 17.

Absent: Ponstein, Rolls – 2 (Excused).

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

## SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

### Foreclosure Response Update

Kym Spring, Coordinator of Foreclosure Response (a non-profit effort connecting residents with community resources and advocating to stop foreclosures in Kent County), appeared. This coordinated data driven project fostered effective communication among more than 100 stakeholders, representing 70 human services agencies, lenders, developers, real estate professionals, community organizations, religious institutions, legal services, schools and government. Foreclosure Response has been mainly privately funded by the Grand Rapids Community Foundation and the Dyer-Ives Foundation. A comprehensive response plan to Kent's foreclosure crisis was created to identify the areas where effective measures are already taking place as well as options for additional activities that could be instituted to help mitigate this issue. With this data, they have been able to target the most vulnerable areas of Kent County for outreach efforts to prevent foreclosures. The data gave them a better understanding of the ramifications, especially loss of tax base due to lower property values, stressed neighborhoods and a severely challenged housing market. The data tracks foreclosures from 2004 through the first quarter of 2011.

She introduced Gustavo Rotondara, Interim Director of Community Research Institute at the Johnson Center for Philanthropy (Grand Valley State University), to give a synopsis of foreclosure-related data (copy of which is on file in the County Clerk's Office). Mr. Rotondara explained that, since 2004, 18,710 homes have been foreclosed on in Kent County (1 in 10 homes) of which just less than half are in Grand Rapids. The home foreclosure rate has been higher in Grand Rapids than in any other part of the county; however, that gap is closing. In 2010, all cities and townships in Kent County reported increased numbers of vacant housing units.

Ms. Spring stated that, for the next two to five years, the numbers will remain high and that they hope that some of the components of the foreclosure response project will continue. They have worked hard to make this project sustainable. Home Repair Services has served as the central

intake for distressed or at-risk homeowners where they can meet at no cost with a trained professional housing counselor. In a lot of cases, they are able to work with their lender to avoid foreclosure. They will continue in that function and coordinate with Link Community Revitalization (formerly Lighthouse Communities) to continue the foreclosure prevention work. A land bank has been established in Kent County and Treasurer Parrish is looking at turning over at least ten vacant properties through the Land Bank process as the first phase of that work, which is very encouraging. The goal is to keep this data and analysis at no cost and accessible to the whole community. The group will proactively advocate for state legislation and local housing policies. It is hoped that a new entity will emerge to take over this important work.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

1. W. Paul Mayhue, 244 Heritage Commons, Grand Rapids (former County Commissioner) – Expressed his concern on the One Kent Coalition issue. It is not the practical way to do things and they are looking for a quick fix to change government. He's glad the County is taking time to think about it.
2. Dan Hendrickson, President and Founder of Olivia's Gift (and Olivia's father) - His daughter suffered a severe brain injury as a result of a near drowning prior to her 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday. Olivia's Gift is creating low income rental apartments (6 units) for the severely disabled with a large community room, dining area, playroom and a sensory room. Working with Network180 and HUD to make this self-sustaining, the funds are in place and they are ready to break ground.
3. Beth Thiel, 7576 Mountain Pine, Cedar Springs – Executive Director of the new Spartan Stores YMCA located in the Metro Health Village. YMCA is about healthy living, youth development and social responsibility. The soon to be opened YMCA, a \$19 million dollar project, will be a 96,000 square foot facility, generating nearly 200 new jobs will serve southern Kent County. The ribbon cutting will be at 10:00 a.m. on August 15<sup>th</sup> and all are invited to attend.
4. Vera Beach, Executive Director of Community Rebuilders – Here to update the Board on the Shelter Plus Care program. Shelter Plus Care is a very innovative program that began in Kent County about 15 years ago. It has served as a national best practice model and has been duplicated in many states. The program is designed and funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the intent is to provide permanent supportive housing to those households most in need. The funding from HUD only provides rental assistance for the household but none of the supportive services that are required to help that family achieve stability. Those funds are provided by our local community. Not only did the County, many years ago, recognize the importance of engaging a non-profit service provider to provide support services, but Kent made sure that the local rental market was utilized to house these households. Today, 160 households are served in the Shelter Plus Care program with more than 86 landlords participating along with all of our mental health providers.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of June 9, 2011, Meeting
- b) June 7, 2011, Finance Committee Meeting Minutes  
(Reports of Claims and Allowances)
- c) Resolution:

6-23-11-43 – 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 2012 budget to support the full cost of the program; and

WHEREAS, if approved, funding will be provided to the following local programs: Alternative Directions, Jubilee Jobs, Family Outreach Center, Homeward Bound, Berghuis Psychological Services, Arbor Circle, Pine Rest Mental Health Services, network 180, and the 61<sup>st</sup> District Court; and

WHEREAS, funds will be appropriated from the Office of Community Corrections (OCC) in the 2012 budget for the Kent County Court Services Department (Pretrial Programs, Work Crew and Community Service Programs, Case Management and Risk Assessment), and the Kent County Sheriff's Department - Correctional Facility (OUIL III Housing); and

WHEREAS, the anticipated grant period is October 1, 2011, to September 30, 2012. 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 authorizes the Board Chair to sign contracts with the proposed vendors not-to-exceed the recommended funding amount.

Motion by Commissioner Vander Molen, seconded by Commissioner Mast, that the Consent Agenda items be approved.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Vonk, Antor, Morgan, Wawee, Boelema, Voorhees, Hirsch, Saalfeld, Mast, Vander Molen, Hennessy, Bulkowski, Talen, Chivis, Koorndyk, Shroll, Chair Parrish – 17.

Nays: 0.

RESOLUTIONS

6-23-11-44 – 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 30<sup>th</sup> year as an entitlement community; and

WHEREAS, the five-year Consolidated Plan for July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2015, consists of a needs assessment, market analysis and related goals and objectives, and is a prerequisite of obtaining Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) funding from HUD; and

WHEREAS, the grant application, referred to as the Annual Action Plan, contains a description and budget for CDBG and HOME -funded activities proposed to be undertaken between July 1, 2011, and June 30, 2012, including CDBG projects requested by 33 local units of government as well as one project requested by the Kent County Parks Department for the expansion of Gordon Park (\$25,003.67); and



WHEREAS, the application seeks \$2,280,853 in funding that includes CDBG \$1,402,919 and HOME \$802,934 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, 2011, through June 30, 2012; 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 \$2,280,853 in estimated revenues to the 2011-12 CDBG and HOME programs contingent upon award and execution of a contract.

Motion by Commissioner Morgan, seconded by Commissioner Koorndyk, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Vonk, Antor, Morgan, Wawee, Boelema, Voorhees, Hirsch, Saalfeld, Mast, Vander Molen, Hennessy, Bulkowski, Talen, Chivis, Koorndyk, Shroll, Chair Parrish – 17.

Nays: 0.

6-23-11-45 – APPROVE CONTRACT WITH AREA COMMUNITY SERVICE  
EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING AND AUTHORIZE BOARD  
CHAIR TO SIGN / COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, this is the sixth year Community Development has proposed using Area Community Service Employment and Training (ACSET) for the provision of weatherization services and emergency home repair and related services; and

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

WHEREAS, the contract period is July 1, 2011, to June 30, 2012; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves the award of CDBG funding in the amount of \$33,338 to ACSET; and

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

6-23-11-46 – APPROVE CONTRACT WITH DWELLING PLACE OF GRAND  
RAPIDS, INC. AND AUTHORIZE BOARD CHAIR TO SIGN/  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, as part of the Shelter Plus Care (S+C) Program, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded funds to Kent County for sponsor-based rental assistance (SRA) for homeless persons; and

WHEREAS, the S+C Program is designed to link rental assistance to supportive services for hard-to-serve homeless persons with disabilities (primarily those who are seriously mentally ill; have chronic problems with alcohol, drugs, or both; or have acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) and related diseases) and their families; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Department recommends contracting with Dwelling Place of Grand Rapids, Inc., to administer

a SRA component of the S+C Program. SRA assistance provides participants with housing units owned or leased by the sponsor; and

WHEREAS, the contract commits \$145,440 in funding necessary to subsidize twenty sponsor-based units for eligible participants needing rental assistance, as well as allowable administrative fees. The contract period will be July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012; and

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

WHEREAS, this contract will be subject to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's approval of a conflict of interest exception made by the Community Development Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves entering into a contract with Dwelling Place of Grand Rapids, Inc.; and

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

6-23-11-47 – APPROVE CONTRACT WITH FAIR HOUSING CENTER OF WEST MICHIGAN 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, the mission of the Fair Housing Center of West Michigan (FHCWM) is to promote equal housing opportunity throughout the Grand Rapids metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, this is the twenty-eighth year that the Community Development Department will use the services of FHCWM; and

WHEREAS, FHCWM is the sole provider of fair housing services in Kent County; and

WHEREAS, the contract period is July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves the contract with Fair Housing Center of West Michigan for an amount of \$40,000; and

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

6-23-11-48 – 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 the past 25 years; and

WHEREAS, the new contract, if approved, will continue the Minor Home Repair (\$64,309), Accessibility Modifications (\$30,000), and Foreclosure Intervention (\$35,978) programs; and

WHEREAS, the contract period is July 1, 2011, to June 30, 2012; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves entering into a contract with Home Repair Services of Kent County, Inc. for an amount of \$130,287, and

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

6-23-11-49 – APPROVE CONTRACT WITH HOPE NETWORK WEST MICHIGAN AND AUTHORIZE BOARD CHAIR TO SIGN / COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, Kent County Community Development has used the services of Hope Network West Michigan (Agency) for the past 18 years; and

WHEREAS, the Agency operates North Kent Transit Service (NKTS) within the NKTS primary service area, and has agreed to provide door-to-door special transportation service to eligible seniors, individuals with disabilities and low to moderate income citizens for trips originating in Algoma Township, Cannon Township, Cascade Charter Township, Courtland Township, Grattan Township City of Lowell, Lowell Charter Township, Plainfield Charter Township, City of Rockford, Solon Township, Village of Sparta, Spencer Township, and Vergennes Township during the period of the agreement. The terms and conditions for service are

stated in separate agreements with the Agency and Community Development for each of these political subdivisions; and

WHEREAS, the total compensation and reimbursement to the Agency under the agreements for service to the Algoma Township will be \$1,952, Cannon Township will be \$5,122, Cascade Charter Township will be \$7,158, Courtland Township will be \$3,721, Grattan Township will be \$4,802, City of Lowell will be \$5,370, Lowell Charter Township will be \$448, Plainfield Charter Township will be \$14,320, City of Rockford will be \$7,160, Solon Township will be \$640, Village of Sparta will be \$3,133, Spencer Township will be \$895 and Vergennes Township will be \$3,201; and

WHEREAS, the contract period is July 1, 2011, to June 30, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Assistant Counsel has reviewed and approved the agreements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves the Community Development contract with Hope Network West Michigan; and

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

6-23-11-50 – APPROVE CONTRACT WITH THE INTERURBAN TRANSIT PARTNERSHIP AND AUTHORIZE BOARD CHAIR TO SIGN / COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, Community Development Department has utilized the services of The Interurban Transit Partnership (Authority) for the past 18 years; and

WHEREAS, The Interurban Transit Partnership will provide door-to-door special transportation service to senior citizens and individuals with disabilities for trips originating in Ada Township, Alpine Township, Byron Township, and Gaines Township during the period of this contract. The Authority operates GO! Bus Services within the Authority's member jurisdiction and shall arrange for the desired service to be provided to eligible Township residents under the terms and conditions stated in the separate agreements with each of these political subdivisions; and

WHEREAS, the total compensation and reimbursement to the Authority under the agreements for service to Ada Township will be \$5,611, Alpine Township will be \$15,641, Byron Township will be \$17,099, and Gaines Township will be \$14, 320; and

WHEREAS, the contract period is July 1, 2011, to June 30, 2012; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves the contract with The Interurban Transit Partnership; and

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

6-23-11-51 – APPROVE CONTRACT WITH NORTH KENT COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC. AND AUTHORIZE BOARD CHAIR TO SIGN / COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the proposed contract would provide funding for Summer lunch baskets for low to moderate income families with school aged children residing within Courtland township and the 33 CDBG participating communities within Kent County; and

WHEREAS, the total compensation and reimbursement to North Kent Community Services under the agreement for service to Courtland Township will be \$6,880 and under the agreement for service to the 33 CDBG participating communities within Kent County will be \$10,620; and

WHEREAS, the contract period is July 1, 2011, to September 2, 2011, and June 8, 2012, through June 30, 2012; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves entering into a contract with North Kent Community Services, Inc.; and

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

6-23-11-52 – APPROVE CONTRACT WITH OLIVIA'S GIFT AND AUTHORIZE BOARD CHAIR TO SIGN / COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the Kent County Board of Commissioners approved the acceptance of HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for FY 2005 through 2012. Pursuant to the County's Consolidated Housing and Community Development Strategic Plan, known as the Annual Action Plan, budgeted funds for FY 2005 through 2012 are for the development of affordable rental housing.

WHEREAS, the proposed contract, if approved, will provide funding to Olivia's Gift, a non-profit organization, to acquire land and construct six (6) units of supportive housing for severely disabled individuals.

WHEREAS, the HOME-assisted units will be occupied by households that are eligible as very-low and low-income families, and the eligible tenants will benefit from HUD rent limits. The units will remain as affordable housing, as defined by HUD, for the term of 20 years; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves the award of HOME funding in the amount of \$822,822 to Olivia's Gift; and

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

6-23-11-53 - APPROVE CONTRACT WITH SENIOR NEIGHBORS, INC. AND AUTHORIZE BOARD CHAIR TO SIGN / COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the Community Development Department has utilized the services of Senior Neighbors, Inc. for the past 18 years; and

WHEREAS, Senior Neighbors, Inc. desires to provide Lowell and Sparta area seniors with enhanced senior center services (hereinafter called the "Services"). The following are the primary goals for the Services: increased information and referral services to older adults; reduced isolation of older adults through programming, including coordination of the Lowell site's senior meals program; and, increased coordination of older adult voluntarism; and

WHEREAS the total compensation and reimbursement for Lowell Senior Center's performance under the agreement for service to the Township of Lowell and the Township of Vergennes is \$9,644.88 and the full compensation and reimbursement for Sparta Senior Center's performance under the agreement for service to the Township of Algoma, the Village of Kent City, the Township of Sparta, the Village of Sparta and the Township of Tyrone is \$37,686; and

WHEREAS, the contract period is July 1, 2011, to June 30, 2012; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves entering into a contract with Senior Neighbors for an amount of \$47,331; and

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

Motion by Commissioner Saalfeld, seconded by Commissioner Vander Molen, that resolutions 6-23-11-45 through 6-23-11-53 be adopted.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Vonk, Antor, Morgan, Wawee, Boelema, Voorhees, Hirsch, Saalfeld, Mast, Vander Molen, Hennessy, Bulkowski, Talen, Chivis, Koorndyk, Shroll, Chair Parrish – 17.

Nays: 0.

Conflict of Interest Statements

*Chair Parrish disclosed a conflict of interest with regard to Resolutions 54 – 59 and said that she will abstain from voting and have Vice Chair Vonk run the meeting during this time.*

*Commissioner Bulkowski revealed a conflict of interest with Resolution 54 and will abstain from voting.*

6-23-11-54 – APPROVE CONTRACT WITH DISABILITY ADVOCATES OF  
KENT COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE BOARD CHAIR TO SIGN /  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, Community Development has utilized the services of Disability Advocates of Kent County and its predecessor for the past 18 years; and

WHEREAS, this non-profit agency will develop and maintain a list of handicap-accessible properties, provide accessibility modification designs to participating residential properties, assist participants in obtaining resources to fund accessibility, and collaborate with community partners such as Home Repair Services, Inc. to perform the necessary construction and modifications; and

WHEREAS, the contract period is July 1, 2011, to June 30, 2012; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves the award of CDBG funding to Disability Advocates of Kent County for an amount of \$16,669; and

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

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Vonk, Antor, Morgan, Wawee, Boelema, Voorhees, Hirsch, Saalfeld, Mast, Vander Molen, Hennessy, Talen, Chivis, Koorndyk, Shroll – 15.

Nays: 0.

Abstain: Bulkowski, Chair Parrish – 2.

6-23-11-55 – APPROVE CONTRACT WITH ARBOR CIRCLE CORPORATION  
AND AUTHORIZE BOARD CHAIR TO SIGN / COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, for the past 18 years Community Development has utilized the services of Arbor Circle Corporation; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Circle Corporation desires to provide pregnant and parenting teens and their children in northern Kent County, a weekly group experience to: 1) develop a healthy and positive relationship with their child; 2) learn about and promote their child's development; 3) develop a support network with their peers; 4) learn about and practice healthy behaviors that reduce stress; 5) reduce repeat pregnancies; and 6) increase high school completion; and

WHEREAS, the contract period is July 1, 2011, to June 30, 2012; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves the award of CDBG funding in the amount of \$10,293 to Arbor Circle Corporation; and

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

Motion by Commissioner Saalfeld, seconded by Commissioner Wawee, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Vonk, Antor, Morgan, Wawee, Boelema, Voorhees, Hirsch, Saalfeld, Mast, Vander Molen, Hennessy, Bulkowski, Talen, Chivis, Koorndyk, Shroll – 16.

Nays: 0.

Abstain: Chair Parrish – 1.

6-23-11-56 – APPROVE CONTRACT WITH COMMUNITY REBUILDERS, INC. AND AUTHORIZE BOARD CHAIR TO SIGN / COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, as part of the Shelter Plus Care (S+C) Program, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded funds to Kent County for sponsor-based rental assistance (SRA) for homeless persons; and

WHEREAS, the S+C Program is designed to link rental assistance to supportive services for hard-to-serve homeless persons with disabilities (primarily those who are seriously mentally ill; have chronic problems with alcohol, drugs, or both; or have acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) and related diseases) and their families; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Department recommends contracting with Community Rebuilders, Inc., to administer the SRA component of the S+C Program. SRA assistance provides participants with housing units owned or leased by the sponsor; and

WHEREAS, the contract commits \$383,424 in funding necessary to subsidize fifty sponsor-based units for eligible participants needing rental assistance, as well as allowable administrative fees. The contract period will be from July 1, 2011, to June 30, 2012; and

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

WHEREAS, this contract will be subject to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's approval of a conflict of interest exception made by the Community Development Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves entering into a contract with Community Rebuilders, Inc; and

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

Motion by Commissioner Saalfeld, seconded by Commissioner Wawee, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Vonk, Antor, Morgan, Wawee, Boelema, Voorhees, Hirsch, Saalfeld, Mast, Vander Molen, Hennessy, Bulkowski, Talen, Chivis, Koorndyk, Shroll – 16.

Nays: 0.

Abstain: Chair Parrish – 1.

6-23-11-57 – APPROVE CONTRACT WITH COMMUNITY REBUILDERS, INC. AND AUTHORIZE BOARD CHAIR TO SIGN / COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, as part of the Shelter Plus Care (S+C) Program, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded funds to Kent County for tenant-based rental assistance (TRA) for homeless persons; and

WHEREAS, the S+C Program is designed to link rental assistance to supportive services for hard-to-serve homeless persons with disabilities (primarily those who are seriously mentally ill; have chronic problems with alcohol, drugs, or both; or have acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) and related diseases) and their families; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Department recommends contracting with Community Rebuilders, Inc., to administer a TRA component of the S+C Program. TRA assistance permits participants to choose housing of an appropriate size in which to reside, and the participants retains the rental assistance if they choose to move; and

WHEREAS, the contract commits \$779,412 in funding necessary to subsidize ninety-three tenant-based units for eligible participants needing rental assistance, as well as allowable administrative fees. The contract period will be from July 1, 2011, to June 30, 2012; and

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

WHEREAS, this contract will be subject to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's approval of a conflict of interest exception made by the Community Development Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves entering into a contract with Community Rebuilders, Inc; and

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

Motion by Commissioner Saalfeld, seconded by Commissioner Wawee, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Vonk, Antor, Morgan, Wawee, Boeema, Voorhees, Hirsch, Saalfeld, Mast, Vander Molen, Hennessy, Bulkowski, Talen, Chivis, Koorndyk, Shroll – 16.

Nays: 0.

Abstain: Chair Parrish – 1.

6-23-11-58 – 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 nutritionally balanced meals to eligible seniors and disabled persons residing in Grattan Township and the 33 CDBG-participating communities within Kent County; and

WHEREAS, the total compensation and reimbursement to Senior Meals under the agreement for service to Grattan Township will be \$4,481 and under the agreement for service to the 33 CDBG participating communities within Kent County will be \$16,594; and

WHEREAS, the contract period is July 1, 2011, to June 30, 2012; and

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



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves entering into a contract with Senior Meals Program, Inc.; and

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

Motion by Commissioner Saalfeld, seconded by Commissioner Wawee, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Vonk, Antor, Morgan, Wawee, Boelema, Voorhees, Hirsch, Saalfeld, Mast, Vander Molen, Hennessy, Bulkowski, Talen, Chivis, Koorndyk, Shroll – 16.

Nays: 0.

Abstain: Chair Parrish – 1.

6-23-11-59 – APPROVE CONTRACT WITH THE SALVATION ARMY 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. This process involves more than 70 support service agencies, shelter providers and interested local government agencies; 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. The Board of Commissioners has annually approved funding for this position since December 1, 1999; and

WHEREAS, the contract period is July 1, 2011, to June 30, 2012; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves entering into a contract with the Salvation Army to provide funding in the amount of \$10,000; and

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

Motion by Commissioner Saalfeld, seconded by Commissioner Wawee, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Vonk, Antor, Morgan, Wawee, Boelema, Voorhees, Hirsch, Saalfeld, Mast, Vander Molen, Hennessy, Bulkowski, Talen, Chivis, Koorndyk, Shroll – 16.

Nays: 0.

Abstain: Chair Parrish – 1.

6-23-11-60 – MILLENNIUM PARK LAND ACQUISITION – GRAND RAPIDS GRAVEL MAYNARD AVENUE PARCELS / PARKS

WHEREAS, Grand Rapids Gravel owns two parcels of property on Maynard Avenue within the footprint of Millennium Park; and

WHEREAS, the Parks Department has been in negotiations with the property owner for several years. Acquisition of the parcels is consistent

with the Millennium Park Master Plan, and will enable the final phase of the Fred Meijer Millennium Trail Network to be developed; and

WHEREAS, according to the terms of the purchase agreement, the County will pay \$56,100 (approximately one times the State Equalized Value of the property) plus \$2,500 in closing costs, survey and environmental work, and \$116,100 for site work to the seller. This amount is consistent with the engineer's estimates for the work, which is required as part of the trail development project; and

WHEREAS, no significant increases in maintenance or operation expenses are expected from this purchase and acquisition of the parcel will make the park more functional for users and more efficient for development and maintenance of the trail; and

WHEREAS, funds for the purchase are available in the Parks Acquisition and Development Fund and the Millennium Park Trail CIP Fund; and

WHEREAS, Corporate Counsel has reviewed and approved the documents as to form.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves the purchase of two parcels (PPN 41-17-05-200-014 and PNN 41-13-33-351-023) totaling approximately 10.44 acres within the footprint of Millennium Park, including site work required for development of the parcels as a trail, from Grand Rapids Gravel for \$172,200 plus closing costs, survey and environmental work estimated at \$2,500.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Vonk, Antor, Morgan, Wawee, Boelema, Voorhees, Saalfeld, Mast, Vander Molen, Hennessy, Bulkowski, Talen, Chivis, Koorndyk, Shroll, Chair Parrish – 16.

Nays: Hirsch - 1.

### APPOINTMENT

#### Community Mental Health Authority Board

Motion by Commissioner Koorndyk, seconded by Commissioner Mast, to appoint Helen Michelle Cole-Mickens to the Community Mental Health Authority Board.

Motion carried by voice vote.

### PORTRAIT UNVEILING

Chair Parrish congratulated and thanked former Chair, Roger C. Morgan, for his service to the Board and then unveiled his portrait.

### REPORTS

#### One Kent Coalition

Commissioner Morgan: Although he mentioned "uni-gov" years ago, the One Kent Coalition issue has taken on a life of its own. He suggested open discussion with all stakeholders. He is very disappointed with the "study group." The proposed bill is in its second draft with no input other than from One Kent Coalition members. The study group just acts as a rubber stamp.

Commissioner Hennessy: There is a lot of dismay with the way the One Kent issue is proceeding. There is a definite lack of transparency. There is no answer as to who is drafting the legislation or whether there has been a public relations firm hired. She learned that the Coalition has "talked" for 18 months. The current group is supposed to tackle huge issues in a few meetings. The depth of

study is missing. There is a lack of trust and she feels that the County and City representatives are just window dressing. The group behind One Kent Coalition wants legislation in by Labor Day.

Commissioner Antor: Sounds like they have a deadline and they are ramming it down our throats. (Doesn't support One Kent.)

Commissioner Wawee: Cannot support it at this time. We need to step back, reevaluate and get more clarification before moving forward.

Commissioner Hirsch: This will dramatically affect townships and lacks government representation.

Commissioner Chivis: Believes stepping back is a good idea. It sounds like the One Kent Coalition is ready to roll with this and we need to be wary so as not to get run over.

Chair Parrish: In February, the County learned about the "draft" legislation and so we asked One Kent Coalition to come before the Board as a "Special Order of Business" to learn more. In March, Mayor Heartwell and Chair Parrish went to One Kent to get answers to questions. The citizens study group was formed and the County and City appointed six representatives each to engage in strong dialogue. At only the second meeting, they moved to discuss "which model do we want to look at." The County is not funding any part of the study.

Commissioner Vander Molen: Do the recommendations from the study group come back to this Board for a vote?

Chair Parrish: My expectation was a report coming back to the Board of Commissioners showing pros and cons.

Commissioner Mast: Appears both County and City representatives on the study group have concerns. Why can't those 12 members take over the group?

Commissioner Morgan: A lot of the County's partners feel left out, moving ahead is a mistake.

Commissioner Talen: Is it possible for the County to stay at the table? Walking away makes a statement but it seems there is more opportunity to shape things by staying at the table.

Commissioner Morgan: We are not walking away, we are pausing to circle back to our partners.

Commissioner Hennessy: Stop the clock. We want more of a voice at the table not just window dressing. This action is happening behind our backs.

Commissioner Talen: Can you clarify what is driving this, if members of the study group are against it, what's going on?

Commissioner Hennessy: The facilitator is working for One Kent Coalition.

Chair Parrish: "Why can't we impact this process" is one of the questions we cannot get answered.

Commissioner Saalfeld: County has a strong history of collaboration. In February, Saalfeld submitted 17 questions, very few of which have been answered. Commissioners owe it to their constituents to have the answers

before rushing forward with a ballot question.

Commissioner Boelema: This will have huge impacts. We don't seem to have much of a say. Don't like the way this is being handled – let's step back – it's moving too fast in the wrong direction.

Motion by Commissioner Morgan, seconded by Commissioner Koorndyk, for a consensus board motion requesting that the chair of the Board of Commission suspend the participation of the six County delegates to the One Kent Study Group until such time as a transparent, honest, and complete discussion of government services consolidation can occur with our townships, small cities and other County partners, such as the road commission, to ensure that a governmental consolidation of the County and City are in the best interests of our residents.

Discussion on motion:

Commissioner Mast: We are suspending, not cutting off, discussion, right?

Commissioner Talen: Asked for explanation on the terminology “consensus board motion.”

Corporate Counsel Ophoff: Explained that the Board of Commission wishes to express in consensus form or strong majority of the Board.

Commissioner Chivis: We need to put the brakes on the bus.

Commissioner Morgan: Suspending our participation *does* put the brakes on the bus.

Commissioner Antor: People will be aware and ask “why is the County pulling away?”

Commissioner Hirsch: Would like to see unanimous vote and asks for a roll call vote.

Commissioner Koorndyk: Do we have a timeline? When would we restart the discussion?

Commissioner Morgan: We need to communicate with our partners and then we can reengage.

Chair Parrish: The original charge of the study group was to look at questions and comments and report back.

Commissioner Morgan: There was a lot of confusion as to the “charge” of the study group.

Commissioner Vander Molen: There are so many questions that need to be answered. This is a two-year project, not a two-month project.

Commissioner Boelema: This issue is huge.

Commissioner Talen: Will be voting “no” on the motion. That doesn't reflect that I don't want to slow down but, instead, I'm against us suspending our participation.

Commissioner Wawee: Voting for the motion. Step back – the door is still open.

Commissioner Saalfeld: Members of One Kent uni-gov coalition represent themselves, whereas we, as commissioners, represent 600,000+, we have a higher threshold and its incumbent upon us to step back and take a look.

Chair Parrish: Impressed by the seriousness of looking at this issue. We want to continue discussions. She will support this motion.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Vonk, Antor, Morgan, Wawee, Boelema, Voorhees, Hirsch, Saalfeld, Mast, Vander Molen, Hennessy, Chivis, Koorndyk, Shroll, Chair Parrish – 15.

Nays: Talen - 1.

Absent from room: Bulkowski – 1.

### MISCELLANEOUS

#### Olivia's Gift

Commissioner Antor: Moved by the Olivia's Gift presentation during Public Comment and appreciates what Olivia's family has done.

Commissioner Voorhees: Echoed Commissioner Antor's comments on Olivia's Gift and his heart goes out to Olivia's family.

#### Millennium Park Boathouse Dedication

Commissioner Wawee: Attended the DeVos Boathouse dedication at Millennium Park yesterday. A pleasure to be a part of that celebration.

#### John Ball Zoo

Commissioner Wawee: Attended the zoo last week with his family. Thanked Zoo Director Bert Vescolani and his staff for the wonderful job they do.

#### Meijer State Games

Commissioner Vander Molen: The opening ceremony of the Meijer State Games will be held at Fifth Third Ballpark at 10:00 a.m. Invited all to participate in this exciting event.

#### Miscellaneous

Commissioner Morgan: We are fortunate to have the level of giving here in Kent County. Olivia's Gift is a fine organization. He appreciates the portrait dedication.

#### Chair Comments

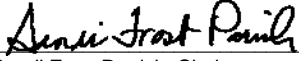
Chair Parrish: She, too, attended the DeVos Boathouse dedication and found it very interesting to hear Mr. DeVos' views on philanthropy.

Invited all to attend the Meijer State Games opening ceremony this year. She attended it last year and it really is a striking ceremony.

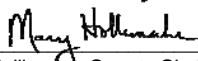
Wished all a happy Fourth of July and invited all to join Commissioner Shroll, Clerk Hollinrake and herself in participating in the Reeds Lake Trail Blazer run at 8:30 a.m., July 4<sup>th</sup>.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:42 a.m., Commissioner Vander Molen moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, July 14, 2011, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 8:30 a.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Koorndyk. Motion carried



Sandi Frost Parrish, Chair



Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk

# PROCEEDINGS

of the  
**Kent County Board of Commissioners**  
**July 14, 2011 – Regular Meeting**

Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chair Sandi Frost Parrish.

Present: Commissioners Antor, Boelema, Bulkowski, Chivis, Hennessy, Hirsch, Koorndyk, Mast, Morgan, Parrish, Ponstein, Rolls, Saalfeld, Shroll, Talen, Vander Molen, Vonk, Voorhees, Wawee - 19.

Absent: None.

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

## SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

### Spectrum Health Update

Steve Heacock, Spectrum's Senior Vice President of Community Relations, gave the update. Spectrum Health is working with the Kent County Health Department and other community partners to capture federal dollars to create an infrastructure to deal with obesity, smoking cessation and cardiology issues. Spectrum, for the second year in a row, was named one of the top ten health systems in the country. Quality, value and a promise of sophistication and economic development are what they are looking at in the future. Exciting current work includes heart transplants, work with childhood cancer, and research in the molecular cause of miscarriage.

Mark Lemoine, Government Affairs Director, is pleased that Spectrum Health has been recognized as a top-ten health care system in the nation. In addition to clinical and administrative staff contributions, this success is only possible through partnerships which include the board of directors, life science partners, community business partners, and public officials. He presented the Board with a framed rendering of the Medical Mile in appreciation and indicated that more information on the Medical Mile is available on their website.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

## CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of June 23, 2011, Meeting
- b) June 21, 2011, Finance Committee Meeting Minutes  
(Reports of Claims and Allowances)

Motion by Commissioner Hennessy, seconded by Commissioner Voorhees, that the Consent Agenda items be approved.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Shroll, Koorndyk, Chivis, Talen, Bulkowski, Hennessy, Vander Molen,

Mast, Saalfeld, Hirsch, Voorhees, Boelema, Ponstein, Wawee, Rolls,  
Morgan, Antor, Vonk, Chair Parrish – 19.

Nays: 0.

### RESOLUTIONS

#### 7-14-11-61 – SPECIAL PROJECT FUND REMONUMENTATION GRANT – BUDGET AMENDMENT / EQUALIZATION

WHEREAS, pursuant to State Statute (PA 345 of 1990 as amended), the State offers an annual grant to counties for providing survey, monumentation, and remonumentation of public land survey corners consistent with the County's plan; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2011 budget, as adopted by the Board of Commissioners (Resolution #11-18-10-105), included a \$175,000 appropriation for the Remonumentation Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Equalization has since been notified that the actual Remonumentation Grant is \$196,702; and

WHEREAS, no Unreserved, Undesignated, General Fund reserves are required.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves an additional appropriation of \$21,702 to the Remonumentation Program budget in the Special Project Fund.

Motion by Commissioner Saalfeld, seconded by Commissioner Koorndyk, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried by voice vote.

#### 7-14-11-62 – ACCEPT A 2009 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 the 2009 Homeland Security Grant Program is to enhance Kent County's abilities to mitigate, prepare, respond and recover from emergencies and disasters; and

WHEREAS, the fiduciary of the grant funds has been West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission (WMSRDC) "Region 6" group made up of 13 counties; and

WHEREAS, WMSRDC has agreed to continue as the fiduciary for the grant and a new agreement needs to be signed by each county; and

WHEREAS, as of this time, the only funding that has been approved and accepted by the State for Kent County is \$79,350 for regional planning activities; and

WHEREAS, this funding is to pay for the "Regional Planner Position" allocated to Kent County who works in the Emergency Management Office; and

WHEREAS, the final document of the WMSRDC agreement will be approved by Corporate Counsel; and

WHEREAS, the grant period is June 1, 2011 to April 30, 2012.

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 related 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 \$79,350 from the Michigan Department of State Police – Emergency Management Division to the Sheriff's Emergency Management Budget – Special Projects Fund, contingent upon award and execution of a contract.

Motion by Commissioner Saalfeld, seconded by Commissioner Vonk, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried by voice vote.

7-14-11-63 – MICHIGAN VETERANS' TRUST FUND SERVICE AGREEMENT / VETERANS' AFFAIRS

WHEREAS, the Michigan Veterans' Trust Fund Central Office wishes to enter into a service agreement with The Kent County Department of Veterans' Affairs for the administration of the Kent County Michigan Veterans' Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, authorization to enter into such agreement will provide a quarterly administrative fee of \$2,000 effective July 1, 2011, and binding for FY 2011 and subsequent fiscal years, payable to the Kent County Treasurer, for a total annual administrative fee of \$8,000 to help cover the expenses associated with the administration of the Michigan Veterans' Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, approval of this service agreement will require an appropriation of \$4,000 of additional funding to the Department of Veterans' Affairs FY 2011 budget; and

WHEREAS, Corporate Counsel has reviewed and approved the agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves a service agreement between the Kent County Veterans' Affairs Department and the Michigan Veterans' Trust Fund Central Office, providing an annual administrative fee of \$8,000, effective July 1, 2011; the appropriation of \$4,000 from Michigan Veterans' Trust Fund to the Veterans' Affairs Department for FY 2011 budget; and to authorize the Board Chair, or her designee, to sign the agreement.

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

REPORTS

Downtown Development Authority (DDA)

Commissioner Talen: The Downtown Development Authority decided yesterday to fund additional police patrols within the DDA district, approve repaving of Fulton Street next summer and add bicycle parking enhancements around downtown.

MSU Extension Advisory Committee

Commissioner Mast: As part of the state budget cutbacks, county extension districts were consolidated into larger districts. Betty Blase (MSU Extension Director for Kent County) was named director of the new three-county district of Allegan, Kent and Ottawa counties. Commissioner Mast, who serves on an advisory committee of the three-county extension district, reported that, at a recent meeting, he heard good things about Ottawa County's parks and recreation system and cooperative extension department.

Collaborative Effort Report

Commissioner Voorhees: Acknowledged Administrator Delabbio's report on collaborative efforts. The report lists the 99 ways in which Kent County currently collaborates with jurisdictions within the county and with other counties. He commends the work being done already, as we look for more collaborative opportunities.

MISCELLANEOUSSpectrum Health

Commissioner Antor: He appreciated the Medical Mile report and acknowledged that these are world class facilities. A lot of the thanks go to the families and private foundations who have contributed so much over the years.

Commissioner Ponstein: Appreciated the update on Spectrum Health and hopes that there will be time for questions the next time.

Meijer State Games

Commissioner Vander Molen: The Meijer State Games were very successful and he thanked those who participated.

Department of Public Works

Commissioner Ponstein: He referred to the July 2<sup>nd</sup> DPW minutes regarding the question of whether trash haulers have passed along the savings of the rate reduction to residents. As a resident of Grandville, he knows of at least four trash haulers who *have* passed on those savings.

Condolences

Commissioner Wawee: Offered his condolences to the victims of the shooting rampage tragedy one week ago, especially the Heeren Family, whom he knows personally. He also thanked law enforcement for the fast and selfless response and all of their hard work in keeping us safe.

Executive Assistant

Administrator Delabbio: Introduced and welcomed Jamie Groom, the new Executive Assistant to the Board of Commissioners, who replaces Jim Day. Jamie had previously been with the County Health Department.

Chair Comments

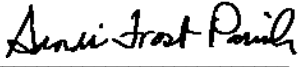
Chair Parrish: She echoed Commissioner Wawee's comments on the shooting rampage. This was a horrible tragedy for our community and the police and the Sheriff's Department worked together very well.

The funeral for former First Lady Betty Ford is being held today in Grand Rapids and, over the last couple of days, she has enjoyed listening to the Ford events and Mrs. Ford's impact and accomplishments as First Lady.

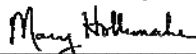
And lastly, she expressed her condolences to the victims of the storm last week, which came out of nowhere and was more serious than anyone anticipated. She thanked the first responders for their efforts.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:58 a.m., Commissioner Hennessy moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, July 28, 2011, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 8:30 a.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Wawee. Motion carried.



Sandi Frost Parrish, Chair



Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk

# PROCEEDINGS

of the  
**Kent County Board of Commissioners**  
**July 28, 2011 – Work Session**

Meeting called to order at 7:30 a.m. by Chair Sandi Frost Parrish.

Present: Commissioners Boelema, Bulkowski, Chivis, Hennessy, Hirsch, Koorndyk, Mast, Morgan, Parrish, Ponstein, Saalfeld, Shroll, Talen, Vander Molen, Vonk, Voorhees, Wawee - 17.

Absent: Antor, Rolls (Excused) - 2.

*(Note: This work session presentation is made by Greg Northrup, President of West Michigan Strategic Alliance, on his proposal regarding the need for charging stations for electric vehicles. A power point presentation was shown (copy of which is on file in the County Clerk's Office). Questions asked during the presentation are shown in the order asked.)*

Chair Parrish introduced Greg Northrup, President, West Michigan Strategic Alliance for his presentation on charging station infrastructure.

## PRESENTATION

Mr. Northrup explored the need for charging stations for electric vehicles and for an opportunity for Kent County to lead a change. With the new generation of transportation (electric vehicle), the question is no longer "whether" such cars will come, but "how fast" and "where first." He would like to see West Michigan take the lead and put the infrastructure in place to make it easy for people with electric vehicles to get charged.

How do we create infrastructure to make it easy for people to have a charging option? You can charge your vehicle at home in 6-8 hours by plugging it into a 120 volt outlet. Ideally, most people will drive their vehicle to the workplace and, for 80% of them, the vehicle will sit there for 6-8 hours. If people had an option to recharge their vehicle while at the office, more would buy electric vehicles. With several battery plants in West Michigan, it is crazy that we are manufacturing here but then sending products west. People won't buy electric until the infrastructure is in place and, once that is in place, it will drive the demand up. Proposed locations for the charging stations would be apartments, offices, retailers, malls, hotels, theatres, government offices and universities.

Every major car manufacturer is launching electric vehicles. There are plans for 15 electric models by 2015 and more than 60 models are planned for launch globally. By the year 2015, it is projected that the cumulative electric vehicle sales will be 1.2 million.

An electric vehicle would reduce the carbon footprint, decrease our dependence on foreign oil, and provide lower operating and maintenance costs. While the cost of gasoline is projected to rise approximately 65% between 2009 and 2015, the price of electricity is expected to remain stable.

The ratio of charging stations to electric vehicles is 2:1 (1 station at home & 1 station for commute destinations).

Northrup believes that the charging stations selected for West Michigan would be the PEP Stations. PEP is Michigan-based which would optimize response, service and deployment costs while creating jobs in West Michigan. It is believed that PEP stations have the best-in-class charging stations (highest value, superior aesthetics, greatest reliability, highly innovative and most user friendly). It is estimated that approximately 4,600 PEP dual port charging stations need to be deployed in West Michigan.

The proposed West Michigan deployment plan for charging stations would be:

- Sales and marketing plan: 5000 units over 4 yrs
- Electric vehicle regional charging agency (EVRCAs administration)
- Defined deployment locations and timeline
- Incentive program for purchasers
  - financing through property tax assessment plan
  - augmented by 30% federal tax credit through 2011
- Funding plan – PACE Bonds
- PR Partnership

Finance Options:

- Partner with commercial banks to provide interim financing for installation of units.
- Installment purchase agreements would secure interim financing
- After reaching a critical mass of outstanding installment purchase agreements, issue revenue bonds as permanent financing:
  - Eliminates need for capitalized interest
  - Eliminates risk associated with projected installations

Role of the County:

- Party to installment purchase agreement
- Record & levy assessments for the repayment of revolving loan and/or revenue bonds
- Delinquent tax revolving fund purchases delinquent assessments

All counties need to do same process. If Kent, Ottawa and Muskegon lead then other counties in West Michigan will follow.

#### Q & A

**Com. Koornayk:** Are the bond payments tax deductible on property taxes?

**Mr. Northrup:** Not sure but would think that they are as part of your property taxes. There is a federal grant that is currently available for the installation of alternative energy components, it will expire this year, but it is 30% of the cost.

**Com. Saalfeld:** Can we supply the electric power? (i.e., Is there enough capacity locally?)

**Mr. Northrup:** Yes, the power companies do not have any issues with what this will do to demand on their systems. Most of the charging will be done during the off-peak period while sitting in your garage.

**Com. Wawee:** What is the difference between charging stations and charging at home? Stations are faster, more efficient charging?

**Mr. Northrup:** Yes, there are three levels of charging stations: 1) home – 120 volts = charging 6-8 hours; 2) level 2 – 240 volts (PEP station) = 4-6 hours; 3) 480 volts, but that is too costly.

**Com. Shroll:** Have you had conversations with potential charging location sites (colleges, companies, hotels)?

**Mr. Northrup:** Yes, there is lots of interest but capital costs are the big issue. The PACE program relieves the capital cost issue in the sense that it provides a financing mechanism.

**Com. Boelema:** PEP Station has two chargers per station. The approximate time to charge would depend upon how much energy is needed per vehicle?

**Mr. Northrup:** Yes, when I give you the ranges of 4-6 hours, if it is a level 2 charger, the assumption is that the car is fully discharged. So, if not fully discharged it might only be one hour of charging.

**Com. Boelema:** What is the industry's projection for the future? Would it still take this much time because if more and more people are using them then we will have line-ups at the charging stations?

**Mr. Northrup:** What we will see is increasing sophistication of the technology, more advancements in batteries, as we go forward. We are trying to get an industry to go to scale.

**Com. Talen:** Where would bridge dollars come from?

**Mr. Northrup:** Bank loans.

**Com. Hirsch:** \$10,000 per station is too high if they'll be outdated soon. Is there a cheaper method now?

**Mr. Northrup:** This is what the industry has developed as a process to support the charging station requirements. Needs to be safe and meet safety requirements.

**Com. Bulkowski:** What are the costs to the County? If we are responsible for recording and levying assessments for the payment of the revolving loans what kind of administrative costs are ours?

**Administrator Delabbio:** Bond counsel is investigating.

**Mr. Northrup:** We have asked for meetings with Kent, Ottawa & Muskegon counties to ask if this is something of interest, something to pursue and investigate. So, before we invest money into the procedure and the processes and doing a 1% fee to handle administrative costs, we would like feedback.

**Com. Bulkowski:** We would need to preclude non-electrics from parking at charging stations and how do you monitor that? Is this the best way to go when we should push mass transit?

**Com. Mast:** Is this plan too grandiose with too many stations? Why not start with two charging stations per business?

**Mr. Northrup:** Let the private sector decide how many stations to buy. If you don't have sufficient charging stations to make it easy for people to charge vehicles, they will not buy them.


**Com. Saalfeld:** Is there a market to support this and if there is, the real question is the cost to the County? Intrigued by the concept.

**Com. Koorndyk:** Thinks infrastructure is important so let's explore. See what the County's cost and risks will be and, if it all makes sense, Koorndyk does not see any reason that we shouldn't proceed.

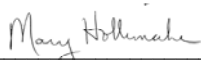
**Chair Parrish:** This is our first look at this and it is just conceptual. We need to answer some of the questions brought up today. The Chair asked Commissioners to review the material and pass along any other questions to Administrator Delabbio.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:18 a.m., Chair Parrish adjourned the work session. A regular Board meeting will begin following this work session at 8:30 a.m., Room 310, County Administration Building.



Sandi Frost Parrish, Chair



Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk

# PROCEEDINGS

of the  
**Kent County Board of Commissioners**  
**July 28, 2011 – Regular Meeting**

Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chair Sandi Frost Parrish.

Present: Commissioners Boelema, Bulkowski, Chivis, Hennessy, Hirsch, Koorndyk, Mast, Morgan, Parrish, Ponstein, Saalfeld, Shroll, Talen, Vander Molen, Vonk, Voorhees, Wawee - 17.

Absent: Antor, Rolls (Excused) -2.

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

## SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

### Emergency Management Update

Melissa Ponstein, Homeland Security Planner, began the update by explaining that Kent County residents may feel too safe. The GET READY! Kent County 12-month citizen preparedness program focuses on a different area of emergency preparedness each month. In an effort to make citizens aware and prepared if and when an emergency occurs, GET READY! Kent County has been busy providing informational media to the public in the form of billboards, kiosks, movie theatre ads, and handouts at parades. They also offer Emergency Management 101 to the public. Their website [www.getreadykent.org](http://www.getreadykent.org) has additional information.

Jack Stewart, Emergency Management Coordinator – The focus on emergency management is training, equipment and education. Several real life events this year have included the Gerald R. Ford alerts, the blizzard and heat wave. In an effort to be prepared for any terrorist activity, several training exercises have been held including water security. A ten minute disaster training video was shown.

### 2010 Audit Report

Francine Farrington, Fiscal Services Deputy Director, introduced Steven Bland from Rehmann-Robson, the County's auditor.

Mr. Bland reviewed the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, the Single Audit Act Compliance, and the Free Standing Letter (all of which are on file in the Office of the County Clerk). He said that Kent County's audit was good and Kent County sets the standard. Once again, it was a very smooth process.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Mike Moll, U.S. Homeland Security – The Multi-Jurisdiction Improvised Explosive Device Security Plan (MJIEDSP) program assists high risk areas in developing detailed IED security plans. Commissioners were invited to attend a workshop for public officials and first responders on explosive devices on August 31<sup>st</sup>.



2. David Emeott, East Kentwood High School Math Teacher and Track Coach, 6740 Crystal Downs, Caledonia – Thanked the Board for its support of the West Michigan Sports Commission and for all its done with youth and amateur sports in Kent County. As the event coordinator for the track and field portion of the Meijer State Games of Michigan, it was a wonderful event. The commission did a great job and the event brought many people to our community. Track and field is the largest participation sport in the country.

3. Greg Peak, President of the West Michigan Rugby Association – Thanked Commissioners for their wisdom and insight in starting the West Michigan Sports Commission. The West Michigan Rugby Association is a 5,000 member group including 12 high school and four youth programs. Sports have been a traditional vehicle for teaching life lessons. Directly associated with sporting events are core values like honesty, integrity, respect, self-assurance, courtesy, responsibility and perseverance. Regardless of age, social or economic background, these values are particularly important in sports programs conducted in our community. The mission of his association is to impact the lives of all in West Michigan by providing learning facilities and educational programs that promote character development and life enhancing values through the game of rugby.

4. Marco Riolo, 620 Hawthorne Street, Grand Rapids, Vice President of Grand Rapids Rugby Team and Grand Rapids Rock Hard 7s Tournament event coordinator – With the help of the West Michigan Sports Commission (WMSC) the Rock Hard 7s tournament was very successful. This event brought in 44 teams around the nation to play 76 games of rugby on three fields non-stop from morning until night. With the involvement of the WMSC, there has been much support in the community. As this sport grows, we are happy to have the WMSC with us.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of July 14, 2011, Meeting
- b) June 30 and July 19, 2011, Finance Committee Meeting Minutes  
(Reports of Claims and Allowances)

#### 7-28-11-64 – SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION TO THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES / PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

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

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

WHEREAS, the grant period is October 1, 2011, to September 30, 2012.

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 2012 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.

7-28-11-65 – VETERANS' TRUST SPECIAL ALLOTMENT GRANT /  
VETERANS' TRUST

WHEREAS, with funding provided from the State of Michigan, the Kent County Michigan Veterans' Trust Fund (MVTF) provides temporary financial assistance to veterans for emergency purposes; and

WHEREAS, the MVTF committee serving Kent County, dispenses grants to veterans and their families to relieve temporary, emergent financial crisis, or hardship; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2011, Kent County MVTF, adopted budget was created based on an estimate in the amount of \$75,000; and

WHEREAS, upon adoption of the State budget, \$105,000 was made available to the Kent County MVTF.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby appropriates an additional \$30,000 to the Kent County MVTF.

Motion by Commissioner Bulkowski, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, that the Consent Agenda items be approved.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Boelema, Bulkowski, Chivis, Hennessy, Hirsch, Koorndyk, Mast, Morgan, Ponstein, Saalfeld, Shroll, Talen, Vander Molen, Vonk, Voorhees, Wawee, Chair Parrish – 17.

Nays: 0.

RESOLUTIONS

7-28-11-66 – MILLENNIUM PARK LAND ACQUISITION AND EASEMENT –  
SIETSEMA LAND COMPANY, LLC / PARKS

WHEREAS, Sietsema Land Company, LLC owns property on Maynard Avenue within the footprint of Millennium Park; and

WHEREAS, the transaction is consistent with the Millennium Park Master Plan, and will enable the final phase of the Fred Meijer Millennium Trail Network to be developed; and

WHEREAS, the exchange of County property for an equal amount of land owned by Sietsema will provide for better trail alignment. In addition, the acquisition of the easement along Maynard Avenue will provide a better buffer for the trail from the roadway. The cost of the easement is \$10; and

WHEREAS, according to the terms of the proposed agreement, Sietsema will also provide the sitework required to construct the trail around the base of Lake Leota at a cost to the County of \$90,665 which is consistent with the engineer's estimates for the work, and required as part of the trail development project; and

WHEREAS, no significant increases in maintenance or operation expenses are expected from this purchase and acquisition of the parcel will make the park more functional for users and easier to manage for park staff; and

WHEREAS, no significant increases in maintenance or operation expenses are expected from this purchase and acquisition of the parcel will make the park more functional for users and easier to manage for park staff; and

WHEREAS, Corporate Counsel has reviewed and approved the documents as to form.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves the acquisition of an easement, the exchange of a parcel of County-owned property (a portion of 41-13-33-351-029) for a parcel of equal size (a portion of 41-13-33-351-026) with Sietsema Land Company, LLC, and authorizes the Board Chair or her designee to sign all documents.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Boelema, Bulkowski, Chivis, Hennessy, Koorndyk, Mast, Morgan, Ponstein, Saalfeld, Shroll, Talen, Vander Molen, Vonk, Voorhees, Wawee, Chair Parrish – 16.

Nays: Hirsch - 1.

### REPORTS

#### 2010 Audit Report - Receive

Motion by Commissioner Mast, seconded by Commissioner Saalfeld to receive the 2010 Audit Report.

Motion carried by voice vote.

### MISCELLANEOUS

#### Airport

Commissioner Vander Molen: In an effort to reduce lines and wait time for passengers at the airport, a third security check-in line has been added.

#### Wyoming Chamber of Commerce

Commissioner Mast: The Wyoming Chamber of Commerce will host a presentation by Nyal Deems, One Kent Coalition, on Monday, August 1, 2011, at the Wyoming City Hall. He plans on attending and encouraged others to do so as well.

#### Restaurant Health Inspections

Commissioner Shroll: Reported that she went on a routine restaurant inspection tour this week and was very impressed with Health Department staff. Restaurants are inspected twice a year.

#### Milk for Thought/Latch On America

Commissioner Hennessy: The State's WIC Director will be at Rosa Parks Circle today to kick-off the Milk for Thought's Latch On America tour. Commissioner Hennessy is a 25-year La Leche League leader and this event supports and encourages breastfeeding. Commissioner Chivis will be speaking at this event.

#### Chair Comments

##### 1) Kent County Citizens Committee for Park and Recreational Services

Chair Parrish: Announced the creation of the Kent County Citizens Committee for Park and Recreational Services in order to oversee a multi-jurisdictional study of parks and recreational systems in Kent County. The end goal is to determine if there are additional and better ways to work together to provide and sustain the services to support a high quality of life for our citizens in Kent County. To date, we have invited and confirmed acceptance of 24 people that represent different groups and organizations and jurisdictions in our county. We expect this committee to kick off very soon.

##### 2) Collaboration/Cooperation Subcommittee

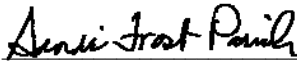
Also, announced the Collaboration/Cooperation Subcommittee whose charge will be to analyze the draft legislation developed by the One Kent Coalition and any

future legislation as it evolves. They will also identify and research questions related to the One Kent proposal and the potential impact on the county and its citizens. There are four key questions (but there are many more): 1) How much is it going to cost? 2) Who pays the cost? 3) What are the consequences of the legislation? and, 4) How will this impact the County's AAA credit rating?

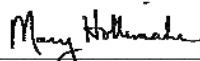
Support staff working with this Committee include Daryl Delabbio, Dan Ophoff, Steve Duarte, and Jamie Groom along with Mary Swanson, Wayman Britt, Don Clack, Craig Paull, Matt Woolford and Jen DeHaan. The chair of this committee is Commissioner Koorndyk with Commissioners Hennessy, Mast, Saalfeld, Shroll and Voorhees. The first meeting will be next week.

#### ADJOURNMENT

At 9:36 a.m., Commissioner Bulkowski moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, August 11, 2011, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 8:30 a.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Koorndyk. Motion carried.



Sandi Frost Parrish, Chair



Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk

# PROCEEDINGS

of the  
**Kent County Board of Commissioners**  
**August 11, 2011 – Regular Meeting**

Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chair Sandi Frost Parrish.

Present: Commissioners Antor , Boelema, Bulkowski, Chivis, Hennessy, Hirsch, Koorndyk, Mast, Morgan, Parrish, Ponstein, Rolls, Saalfeld, Shroll, Talen, Vander Molen, Vonk, Voorhees, Wawee - 19.

Absent: None.

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

## SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

### Drain Commissioner Annual Report

Drain Commissioner Bill Byl gave the annual Drain Commission Report (copy of which is on file in the Office of the County Clerk). In 2010, the Drain Commission office received approximately 2,000 calls to answer questions and provide services. Of the 2,000, 200 resulted in field visits of which 80 turned into projects. Many of the remainder calls were referred to municipal entities. 2010 saw an average year of precipitation with the majority of it in the first seven months. In July of last year, seven inches of rain fell in two hours in the Sparta and Rockford areas creating flooding. A major project for 2010 was the Warner Drain in Byron Center. He thanked the Board for its continued support.

### West Michigan Sports Commission Annual Update

Mike Guswiler, Executive Director, gave the annual West Michigan Sports Commission update and expressed his appreciation for the Board's support. The Sports Commission serves to stimulate economic growth, inspire kids and adults for a healthy life and create a vibrant community. Nationally, the sports tourism industry generates \$6 billion. To date, the Sports Commission has held 180 events with 200,000 visitors occupying 65,000 hotel rooms and spending \$50 million. The Meijer State Games included 24 sports with 4,000 athletes and generated \$1.3 million of visitor spending in the area. 2011 upcoming events include the USA Cycling Championships and the Grand Rapids Gymnastics Invitational. He also gave an update on the proposed baseball complex in Plainfield Township and reported that they have raised 50% of goal needed for Phase 1. The Sports Commission was the 2011 recipient of an outstanding website award.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Landon Bartley, President of the Grand Rapids Rowing Association - Thanked the Board for its support of the West Michigan Sports Commission. He has been working with the Sports Commission on getting the 2012 Mid-American Collegiate Rowing Association (MACRA) Championship regatta to Grand Rapids next April.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of July 28, 2011, Meeting
- b) August 2, 2011, Finance Committee Meeting Minutes  
(Reports of Claims and Allowances)

Motion by Commissioner Talen, seconded by Commissioner Vander Molen, that the Consent Agenda items be approved.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Wawee, Voorhees, Vonk, Vander Molen, Talen, Shroll, Saalfeld, Rolls, Ponstein, Morgan, Mast, Koorndyk, Hirsch, Hennessy, Chivis, Bulkowski, Boelema, Antor, Chair Parrish – 19.

Nays: 0.

RESOLUTIONS

8-11-11-67 – COLLABORATIVE PARKS STUDY GRANT ACCEPTANCE  
ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION / PARKS

WHEREAS, in January 2011, the Legislative Subcommittee on Parks presented a recommendation that the County partner with its local units and community stakeholders to jointly fund and conduct a detailed collaborative services study of parks and recreational systems; and

WHEREAS, Chair Parrish directed staff to begin the process to secure funding for the study. To date, the County has secured 50 percent of the funding (\$25,000 Grand Rapids Community Foundation; \$15,000 Frey; \$10,000 Kent County) and has several grant applications pending to cover the estimated cost of \$100,000; and

WHEREAS, a citizens committee has been appointed to guide the issuance of an RFP to identify a consultant/firm to complete the study; and

WHEREAS, the study will be completed in two phases with the first phase being completed in the first quarter of 2012.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby accepts a \$15,000 grant from the Frey Foundation to support the implementation of a multi-jurisdictional parks and recreation study.

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

08-11-11-68 – ASSIGNMENT AND ACQUISITION OF EASEMENTS WITH  
STEELCASE, INC. FOR THE PAUL HENRY THORNAPPLE  
TRAIL / PARKS

WHEREAS, Kent County has been working in partnership since 1997 with the City of Kentwood, Gaines Township and Caledonia Township to create and complete the Paul Henry Thornapple Trail; and

WHEREAS, planning for the project first began in the mid 1990s and it is part of the overall trail network in Kent County. Construction of various segments of the trail requires the acquisition of easements or right-of-way, which is done after considerable study and consultation with adjacent landowners; and

WHEREAS, much of the work has been funded by federal and state grants provided through the Michigan Department of Transportation, which has awarded three separate grants for the project; all were previously accepted and appropriated by the County. Recognizing the lengthy and multi-

year process to complete such projects, the grant funds remain in the County's Capital Improvement Program Fund until each segment is able to be constructed; and

WHEREAS, the final gap in the trail is now ready to be constructed. Steelcase has worked closely with the County to exchange an easement originally secured by the National Rails To Trails Conservancy and transferred to Kent County which bisects and runs diagonally across the Steelcase property from East Paris Avenue to 76<sup>th</sup> Street, for an easement along the edges of Steelcase's property adjacent to 76<sup>th</sup> Street and East Paris Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the new easement provides a direct, safe, and more cost-effective route; and

WHEREAS, construction is expected to start this fall; and

WHEREAS, Corporate Counsel has reviewed and approved the documents as to form.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners assigns the County's interest in a section of easement on property owned by Steelcase to Steelcase, Inc. as described within PPN 41-22-300-101; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board acquires an easements within other property owned by Steelcase, Inc. as described within PPN 41-22-01-101-001, PPN 41-22-12-100-025, and PPN 41-22-12-300-010 for a total cost of \$20; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Chair or her designee is authorized to sign all documents.

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

8-11-11-69 – ACQUISITION OF TAX-FORECLOSED PROPERTIES BY KENT COUNTY / TREASURER

WHEREAS, the County Treasurer, as the tax foreclosing governmental unit, each year forecloses on real property with unpaid property taxes; and

WHEREAS, State Statute (MCL 211.78 et. seq.) provides the legal framework for the foreclosure process and the ultimate disposition of these foreclosed properties; and

WHEREAS, the statute provides that foreclosed properties are to be offered to the state, local taxing units, and counties for acquisition prior to tax auction; and

WHEREAS, the County Treasurer, on behalf of the Kent County Lank Bank Authority, has requested that the Board of Commissioners exercise its statutory right to acquire the 12 properties identified below, and thereafter transfer them to the Land Bank Authority upon payment of the listed minimum bids.

<b>Parcel Number</b>	<b>Street Address</b>	<b>Govt Unit</b>	<b>Min. Bid</b>
41-01-35-126-006	1260 17 MILE RD	TYRONE	\$6,666
41-13-35-477-012	1046 KENSINGTON SW	GR	2,141
41-14-31-278-028	636 HENRY SE	GR	2,461

41-14-32-129-027	1141 LOGAN SE	GR	4,018
41-14-32-227-015	1417 LOGAN ST SE	GR	6,017
41-14-32-352-013	855 GIBSON PL SE	GR	5,704
41-14-32-456-014	1239 HALL ST SE	GR	8,255
41-17-01-451-005	1819 STAFFORD SW	GR	4,430
41-17-01-451-008	1829 STAFFORD SW	GR	3,889
41-17-12-205-014	2151 STAFFORD SW	GR	5,442
41-17-12-251-018	2271 STAFFORD SW	GR	3,106
41-17-20-433-046	1460 SOUTH SAXONY	GR	12,996

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves the acquisition of the tax-foreclosed properties, and their transfer to the Kent County Land Bank Authority upon payment of the minimum bid for each; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairperson of the Kent County Board of Commissioners is authorized to sign all documents reviewed and approved by Corporate Counsel as required for the transfer of the 12 listed properties to the Kent County Land Bank Authority.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Voorhees, Vonk, Vander Molen, Talen, Saalfeld, Rolls, Ponstein, Morgan, Mast, Hirsch, Hennessy, Chivis, Bulkowski, Boelema, Antor, Chair Parrish – 16.

Nays: Wawee, Shroll, Koorndyk - 3.

## REPORTS

### Land Bank Authority

Commissioner Ponstein: The Land Bank Authority now has a website which includes its policies and procedures and a link to a video seminar explaining land banks. The Land Bank can clear any title, make any property an automatic candidate for Brownfield Development and assist a developer by holding a piece of property for future development. The Land Bank Authority is comprised of five board members, an advisory committee and is presently seeking an executive director. Meetings have been well attended and a recent article appeared in the *Grand Rapids Press* highlighting the launch of the Authority.

### Downtown Development Authority

Commissioner Talen: The Downtown Development Authority is working with Grand Action on the Downtown Market Project. Construction on the project will begin next year with a proposed 2013 spring opening. There will be around \$4.7 million in street and infrastructure improvements around the proposed site.

### Collaboration/Cooperation Subcommittee

Commissioner Koorndyk: Held the first meeting on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the next meeting is August 16th. A meeting schedule has been set up to follow the



Finance Committee meeting so any Commissioner or member of the public who would like to attend should note those meeting dates. They hope to have all work done by February 1, 2012, and then make a recommendation to the full Board at that time.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

##### Luton Park

Commissioner Morgan: Asked Roger Sabine (Parks Director) to resolve the parking issue at Luton Park since parking along Kies Avenue may be creating a safety issue.

##### 4-H Youth Fair

Commissioner Rolls: Encouraged all to attend the 4-H Youth Fair which is now going on. A unique mobile ambulance which is being supplied by Rockford Ambulance was at the fair and he thanked Rockford Ambulance for its community service.

##### Chair's Comments

Chair Parrish: The Zoo Transition Committee held its second meeting this week. The members are beginning to look at governance models.

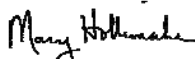
The Citizens Committee for Park & Recreation Services kicked off yesterday. There are a lot of people involved and this will be a very transparent and inclusive process.

#### ADJOURNMENT

At 10:10 a.m., Commissioner Talen moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, August 25, 2011, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 8:30 a.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Koorndyk. Motion carried.



Sandi Frost Parrish, Chair



Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk

# PROCEEDINGS

of the  
**Kent County Board of Commissioners**  
**August 25, 2011 – Regular Meeting**

Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chair Sandi Frost Parrish.

Present: Commissioners Antor, Boelema, Bulkowski, Chivis, Hennessy, Hirsch, Koorndyk, Mast, Morgan, Parrish, Saalfeld, Shroll, Talen, Voorhees, Wawee - 15.

Absent: Ponstein, Rolls, Vander Molen, Vonk – 4 (Excused).

Invocation: Commissioner Chivis introduced Reverend Rodney Otto, Redeemer Lutheran Church, who gave the invocation.  
The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

## SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

### Kent District Library Update

Chuck Myers, Kent District Library Chair, introduced new KDL director, Lance Werner. Mr. Werner announced that KDL was one of two libraries in the State of Michigan to receive the "Star Library Award," a national award for excellence. 2010 saw the use of digital materials increase by over 120%, the fifth straight year of increased circulation, the new Kentwood branch library opened and a ground breaking was held in Caledonia (now open). KDL's success is due to its patrons', municipalities' and County support. Early literacy centers, "KDLville," opened at the Alto, East Grand Rapids, Walker and Wyoming branches. They are working with the Grand Rapids Public Library to see what projects they can collaborate on. (A copy of the 2010 KDL Annual Report is on file in the Office of the County Clerk.)

## PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Scott Atchison, District 19 - Does not like the "draft" legislation of the One Kent Coalition and suggested that Kent County change its name to "Grand Kent County." He also suggested, again, that Kent County add an information booth downtown.

## CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of August 11, 2011, Meeting
- b) August 16, 2011, Finance Committee Meeting Minutes  
(Reports of Claims and Allowances)
- c) Resolution:

8-25-11-70 – SPECTRUM HEALTH STRONG BEGINNINGS GRANT / HEALTH

WHEREAS, Spectrum Health has made \$204,831 in funding available to the Health Department for expanding the Strong Beginnings program for FY 2011-2012. This program is funded by a grant to Spectrum Health from the WK Kellogg Foundation; and

WHEREAS, the Strong Beginnings program is a community partnership created to improve healthcare and health education for African American mothers and their babies from pregnancy through early childhood; and

WHEREAS, to support the work required by the program, the creation of 3 full-time Outreach Worker positions (JAW 15) is being recommended. The proposed salary and benefit cost for the Outreach Worker positions is \$180,736. In addition, the grant supports an existing .2 FTE Clerk Typist II position with salary and benefit costs of \$12,233. The grant also supports supplies and travel costs of \$11,862; and

WHEREAS, in-kind support of an existing .2 FTE Public Health Program Supervisor position and .2 FTE Clerk Typist II position with salary and benefit costs of \$17,943 and \$12,233, respectively are included in the grant. Overhead costs of \$68,285 are also included as in-kind support; and

WHEREAS, the Strong Beginnings program is part of the Health Department's FY2011 Comprehensive Planning and Budgeting Contract (CPBC) through the Michigan Department of Community Health, and this is additional funding for that program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners accept and appropriate \$204,831 in funding from Spectrum Health for the Strong Beginnings program for FY 2011-2012; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to add three full-time Outreach Worker positions to the Health Department; 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.

Motion by Commissioner Chivis, seconded by Commissioner Koorndyk, that the Consent Agenda items be approved.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Antor, Morgan, Wawee, Boelema, Voorhees, Hirsch, Saalfeld, Mast, Hennessy, Bulkowski, Talen, Chivis, Koorndyk, Shroll, Chair Parrish – 15.  
Nays: 0.

## RESOLUTIONS

8-25-11-71 – APPROVE CONTRACT WITH ICCF AND AUTHORIZE BOARD CHAIR TO SIGN / COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the Kent County Board of Commissioners approved 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 FY 2005-2011; and

WHEREAS, up to five percent of the annual HOME allocation may be awarded within five years by the Community Development Department to a Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) for its operating expenses; and

WHEREAS, Inner City Christian Federation (ICCF), a non-profit housing corporation is a Kent County CHDO; and

WHEREAS, the proposed contract will provide HOME Program funds to ICCF for its operating expenses related to continued provision of affordable housing to eligible households within Kent County; and

WHEREAS, the contract period commences upon execution of this agreement and will remain in effect for a period of one year; and

WHEREAS, Assistant Corporate Counsel has reviewed and approved the agreement as to form.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners award the HOME Program funds for \$23,124 to Inner City Christian Federation for its operating expenses; and

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

Motion by Commissioner Saalfeld, seconded by Commissioner Koorndyk, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried by voice vote.

#### 8-25-11-72 – UPDATE OF FISCAL POLICY – ASSET CAPITALIZATION / FISCAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, Fiscal Services has reviewed the Policy on Asset Capitalization and is recommending that the threshold for capitalizing and depreciating drain projects be increased from \$200,000 to \$300,000; and

WHEREAS, the threshold for capitalization was originally adopted October 25, 2001. Since that time, costs for engineering and maintenance of drains have significantly increased. As part of the biennial review of fiscal policies, Fiscal Services held discussions with County's auditors and engineers and other individuals at the Drain Commission office to determine whether the capitalization threshold for drains should be increased. As a result of those meetings, it was determined that \$300,000 was the appropriate threshold for capitalization of drains. This higher threshold would ensure that the County is capitalizing drains rather than ordinary maintenance or minor drain work; and

WHEREAS, this change is supported by the County's auditors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves a revision to the Fiscal Policy for Asset Capitalization.

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

#### 8-25-11-73 – AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF KENT HOSPITAL FINANCE AUTHORITY REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2011 – METROPOLITAN HOSPITAL / FISCAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Kent Hospital Finance Authority (the "Authority") proposes to issue bonds (the "Bonds") for the benefit of Metropolitan Hospital and an affiliated entity (collectively, the "Hospital"). The proceeds of the Bonds will be loaned to the Hospital and used by the Hospital, together with other available funds, to acquire an existing power generation facility adjacent to the Hospital's Wyoming, Michigan campus, for use as Hospital facilities to better serve the health care needs of the residents of Kent County, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the Authority intends to issue Kent Hospital Finance Authority bonds (the "Bonds") in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$27,000,000 to provide funds with which to make the loans to the Hospital; 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 County of Kent, the State of Michigan or any political subdivision thereof within the meaning of any constitutional, charter or statutory provisions or limitations; and

WHEREAS, on July 15, 2011, 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 Saalfeld, seconded by Commissioner Wawee, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried by voice vote.

#### 8-25-11-74 – AMENDMENT TO KENT COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PLAN / HUMAN RESOURCES

WHEREAS, the Kent County Employees' Retirement Plan has been amended from time to time since its adoption in 1948. The Plan was last amended in December of 2010; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the amendment is to incorporate the changes in pension provisions as affected by collective bargaining, legislation and deficiencies identified in the existing plan document.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves Amendment 2011-1 of the Kent County Employees' Retirement Plan to incorporate pension provision changes.

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

#### REPORTS

##### Gaines Township Drainage Issue

Commissioner Hirsch: Announced that an agreement has been signed by the involved parties to fix a drainage problem on 84<sup>th</sup> Street in Gaines Township.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Commissioner Saalfeld: Reminded Commissioners of the U.S. Homeland Security workshop for public officials and first responders on explosive devices, being held on August 31<sup>st</sup> and encouraged other elected officials to attend.

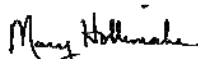
ADJOURNMENT

At 9:09 a.m., Commissioner Chavis moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, September 8, 2011, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 8:30 a.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Koorndyk. Motion carried.



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Sandi Frost Parrish, Chair



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Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk

# PROCEEDINGS

of the  
**Kent County Board of Commissioners**  
**September 8, 2011 – Work Session**

Meeting called to order at 7:35 a.m. by Vice Chair Ted Vonk.

Present: Commissioners Antor, Boelema, Bulkowski, Chivis, Hirsch, Koorndyk, Ponstein, Rolls, Saalfeld, Shroll, Talen, Vonk - 12.

Absent: Hennessy, Mast, Morgan, Vander Molen, Voorhees, Wawee, Chair Parrish – (Excused) – 7.

## PRESENTATION

Administrator Delabbio explained that the County's Budget is bifurcated. A number of operations/programs have an October – September fiscal year with most having a January – December fiscal year. The purpose of today's work session is to review the October-September budgets which include:

- Child Care – Circuit Court
- Child Care Fund – DHS
- Health Fund
- Friend of the Court
- Special Projects
- Veteran's Trust Special Revenue

The budget parameters taken into consideration were:

- Reserves not to exceed \$2 million to balance budget
- No new hires requiring general fund appropriation
- Capital Improvement Program - not to exceed .20 mills

He explained other considerations for the 2012 budget:

- Revenue Sharing – 20+% reduction from 2011 to 2012 (this has become an annual battle)
- Continued decline in taxable value = reduced property tax revenue
- Collective Bargaining – 5 units' contracts expire 12/31/11
- National health care changes
- Personal property tax – it is uncertain how or if the law will be changed

### **Child Care – Circuit Court**

Non-General Fund	General Fund	Total
\$10,157,619	\$10,292,915	\$20,450,534

4.1% increase from 2011 year-end estimate

4.0% decrease (from 2011 Budget)

**Child Care Fund – DHS**

Non-General Fund	General Fund	Total
\$5,942,319	\$6,000,000	\$11,942,319

10.9% increase from 2011 year-end estimate

13.7% decrease (from 2011 Budget)

**Health Fund**

Non-General Fund	General Fund	Total
\$17,461,767	\$6,656,868	\$24,118,635

8.5% increase from 2011 year-end estimate

5.3% decrease (from 2011 Budget)

**Friend of the Court**

Non-General Fund	General Fund	Total
\$6,793,928	\$1,989,837	\$8,783,765

9.2% increase from 2011 year-end estimate

3.7% decrease (from 2011 Budget)

**Special Projects**

Non-General Fund	General Fund	Total
\$3,225,409	\$700,493	\$3,925,902

18.6% increase from 2011 year-end estimate

0.2% decrease (from 2011 Budget)

**Veteran's Trust Special Revenue**

Non-General Fund	General Fund	Total
\$105,000	\$0	\$105,000

**Summary of General Fund Contributions**

Non-General Fund	General Fund	Total
\$43,686,042	\$25,640,113	\$69,326,155

8.3% increase from 2011 year-end estimate



6.7% decrease (from 2011 Budget)

## MAJOR IMPACTS

### DHS Child Care Fund

- DHS should continue to:
  - Work with local partners to reduce the number of institutional placements
  - Monitor cases
  - Increase the number of foster-care homes available
- County staff continues to work with DHS to monitor costs.
- Uncertainties:
  - Children's Rights Settlement
  - Increases in removals for neglect
  - Increases in the amount of time children are placed in emergency shelters

### Circuit Court

- Elimination of one vacant juvenile probation officer supervisor
  - Supervision duties have been distributed to other supervisors
  - Downward trend in the number of juvenile delinquent cases
  - Considerable oversight by the courts and judiciary to prevent unnecessary placements

### Health Fund

- Elimination of 4 full-time positions (2 now occupied)
- Elimination of 3 part-time positions (1 now occupied)
- Reduction of 3 full-time positions to part-time (1 now occupied)
- Elimination of Healthy Start Program (Health Department is one of three contractors for this service)

**Administrator Delabbio:** All County departments have been very good with monitoring expenses and it looks like year-end expenditures will be lower than budgeted.

## Q & A

**Com. Bulkowski:** What is the status of the Children's Rights Settlement?

**Admin. Delabbio:** The State is still required to implement it. We did attempt to use the Headlee provisions to say that this is an unfunded mandate but to date that has been unsuccessful from the County's end. We have not seen a significant change yet.

**Counsel Ophoff:** All of the parties to the Children's Rights Settlement went back into Federal Court and there is a new consent decree. They are working in the new administration to make changes consistent, which is in the consent decree. The litigation is currently on appeal to the Michigan Supreme Court.

**Com. Saalfeld:** When referring to local partners, are you talking about institutions like Lutheran Child and Family Services, St. Johns, etc.? Can someone explain what we do right now with those institutions and is there savings that can be had through utilizing them more?

**Asst. Admin. Britt:** The Department of Human Services meets on a regular basis. The idea is to partner with local private agencies like Bethany Christian Services, DA Blodgett, St. Johns and others, to minimize the length of stay in

institutional care and to quickly move placements into foster care homes so that we can minimize the cost. We are constantly monitoring that and work together the best we can. It is a very difficult climate to do that in. The County meets with the Department on a monthly basis to talk about what we can do more of to make sure that we are working collaboratively. About 95% of the cases are being managed by private agencies.

**Com. Bulkowski:** For the last couple of years we've had a \$2 million potential deficit hanging over our head related to the Children's Rights Settlement. Have we budgeted for it but not had to use it?

**Asst. Admin. Britt:** No. The work that we have been able to accomplish is working with DHS as well as the State. The new DHS direction is really helping to make more of the cases less costly. We think that we've applied enough pressure and push by lobbying the legislators and meeting with state administration to minimize the expense. The fact that we have the Children's Rights Settlement agreement being challenged in court, we think, has influenced some of the reduction and expenditure. All of that included (I think) has helped Kent County minimize some of the expense.

**Com. Talen:** We are closely monitoring what is happening with child care fund, so can I assume that we are getting good data on placements, where placements are happening and how it has changed from year to year?

**Asst. Admin. Britt:** We are getting better with the numbers. It has always been a struggle for us. We have a different system from the state for tracking. We are getting better at the data and when we meet we feel pretty confident that the data we receive is accurate enough to give us a reasonably good estimate of how good we are doing.

**Com Talen:** Can we get performance measurements on this?

**Asst. Admin. Britt:** Sure.

**Com. Talen:** Are any of the positions being eliminated from the Health Department from part of the Healthy Start program.

**Admin. Delabbio:** Yes, one full-time and one part-time position.

**Com. Rolls:** The \$2 million allocated to Friend of the Court – what is that going toward?

**Admin. Delabbio:** 100 employees in FOC - the funding is 2/3 state and 1/3 county.

**Com. Rolls:** Under Special Revenues there is about \$300,000 of Other – what is Other?

**Budget Manager VanNortwick:** Those are various small programs. The major projects are listed at the top and then there are smaller \$10,000-\$15,000 programs that are in the "other" category. We will provide the information on the smaller programs to Commissioners (most are grants).

**Com. Bulkowski:** How are the eliminations within the Healthy Start Program related to our Prevention Initiative?

**Asst. Admin. Britt:** The Health Start Program is comprised of the Family Futures Program and the Family Child Resource Council (which included the Bright Beginnings Program). The Healthy Start workers from the Health Department, along with Arbor Circle and those from the Family Futures Program, are the key components of the prevention initiative on which the County spends about \$1.6 million yearly. About \$450,000 is allocated to Family Futures so they actually buy those services through the Health Department, Arbor Circle, and Bright Beginnings through KISD.

**Com. Bulkowski:** So is this a reduction in those prevention initiative dollars?

**Asst. Admin. Britt:** No. What will happen is that they will continue to use the prevention dollars that they have been receiving. There is a slight reduction. Each prevention program will receive a slight reduction this year, based on the budget requirement for all departments. But, they will still have enough to provide the same level of services for the Healthy Start Program; they will just utilize a different resource for the nurses that interact with the families in home.

**Time frame**

**Admin. Delabbio:** The Finance Committee will be acting on and making a recommendation at it's next meeting (September 22<sup>nd</sup> prior to the regular BOC meeting). Commissioners will see a resolution related to these budgets on that day.

**Com. Talen:** There is an incredible amount of work that goes into this and he expressed his appreciation to all County staff. This starts a long time ago and ends up in a few pages in a power point, but it is a pretty amazing process.

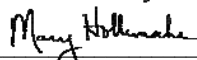
**Vice Chair Vonk:** Kent County is in the top 1% of counties in the country that continue to balance the budget and operate with an AAA bond rating. He thanked Administrator Delabbio and staff for their hard work.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:05 a.m., Vice Chair Vonk adjourned the work session.



Sandi Frost Parrish, Chair



Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk

# PROCEEDINGS

of the  
**Kent County Board of Commissioners**  
**September 8, 2011 – Regular Meeting**

Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Vice Chair Ted Vonk.

Present: Commissioners Antor, Boelema, Bulkowski, Chivis, Hennessy, Hirsch, Koorndyk, Morgan, Ponstein, Rolls, Saalfeld, Shroll, Talen, Vonk, Voorhees, Wawee - 16.

Absent: Mast, Vander Molen, Chair Parrish - 3 (Excused).

Invocation: Commissioner Koorndyk introduced Father Jim Chelich, St. Thomas the Apostle Church, who gave the invocation.  
The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Koorndyk, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, that the Minutes of the August 25, 2011, meeting be approved.  
Motion carried by voice vote.

## RESOLUTIONS

### 9-8-11-75 – COUNTY OF KENT – AIRPORT REVENUE REFUNDING BOND, SERIES 2011 / 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, December 17, 1998, August 23, 2007, February 12, 2009 and March 12, 2009 (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, by the terms of Act 327 and Act 94, and pursuant to the Resolution, the County has previously issued (i) its Airport Revenue Bonds, Series 1995, in the aggregate principal amount of \$40,000,000 (the "Series 1995 Bonds"), the proceeds of which were used to finance runway improvements to the Airport (the "1995 Project"), (ii) its Airport Revenue Bonds, Series 1998, in the aggregate principal amount of \$56,180,000 (the "Series 1998 Bonds"), the proceeds of which were used to finance the renovation, reconstruction and expansion of the main terminal building of the Airport, including ground transportation and parking facilities related thereto (the "1998 Project"), (iii) its Airport Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 1999 in the aggregate

principal amount of \$37,480,000 (the "Series 1999 Bonds"), the proceeds of which were used to refund a portion of the then outstanding Series 1995 Bonds, (iv) its Airport Revenue Bonds, Series 2007 in the aggregate principal amount of \$117,360,000 (the "Series 2007 Bonds"), the proceeds of which were used to finance a new parking structure and related improvements (the "2007 Project"), and (v) its Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2009 in the aggregate of \$30,110,000 (the "Series 2009 Bonds"), the proceeds of which were used to refund the then outstanding Series 1999 Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Resolution provides that any Bonds issued thereunder will be revenue bonds secured by and payable solely from the Net Revenues (except to the extent payable from the proceeds of a Credit Facility or from the proceeds of Bonds); and

WHEREAS, the Series 1998 Bonds remain outstanding in the aggregate principal amount of \$42,185,000, mature in various principal amounts on January 1 in the years 2012 through 2028 and bear interest at rates per annum ranging from 4.80% to 5.00%; and

WHEREAS, the Resolution authorizes the issuance of Additional Bonds in one or more series for the purpose of, among other things, refunding all or any part of previously issued Bonds which are then outstanding; and

WHEREAS, the County desires at this time to authorize the issuance of Additional Bonds to pay the costs of refunding all or a portion of the outstanding Series 1998 Bonds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE KENT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS approves the following:

1. 2011 Supplemental Refunding Resolution. This resolution (hereinafter referred to as the "2011 Supplemental Refunding 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 2011 Supplemental Refunding Resolution including the preambles thereto. In addition, the following terms shall have the following meanings in this 2011 Supplemental Refunding Resolution:

(a) "Director of Aeronautics" or "Aeronautics Director" means the Executive Director of the Department of Aeronautics of the County, formerly known as the Aeronautics Director of the County.

(b) "Refunding Fund" means the fund established pursuant to Section 15 hereof.

(c) "Series 2011 Refunding Bonds" means the Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2011, as authorized by this 2011 Supplemental Refunding Resolution.

(d) "Series 2011 Refunding Issue Date" means the date on which the Series 2011 Refunding Bonds are issued and delivered to the original purchaser(s) upon receipt of payment therefor.

3. AUTHORIZATION OF SERIES 2011 REFUNDING BONDS - PURPOSE. The Series 2011 Refunding Bonds, aggregating the principal sum of not to exceed Forty-Six Million Dollars (\$46,000,000) shall be issued and sold as revenue bonds pursuant to the provisions of Act 327 and Act 94, for the purpose of refunding all or a portion of the outstanding Series 1998 Bonds (the "Series 1998 Bonds To Be Refunded"), as determined by the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners at the time of sale, paying the costs of issuing the Series 2011 Refunding 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.

4. SERIES 2011 REFUNDING BOND DETAILS. The Series 2011 Refunding Bonds shall be designated "Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2011;" shall be dated as of such 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 5.5% per annum to be determined by the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners upon the sale thereof, payable on January 1, 2012 or such later date determined by the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners at the time of sale 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.

5. **PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST.** The principal of and interest on the Series 2011 Refunding Bonds shall be payable in lawful money of the United States. Principal shall be payable upon presentation and surrender of the Series 2011 Refunding Bonds to the Bond Registrar as they severally mature. Interest shall be paid to the registered owner of each Series 2011 Refunding 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 Record Date; provided, however, the registered owner of Series 2011 Refunding 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 2011 Refunding Bonds shall be computed on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months.

6. **BOOK-ENTRY SYSTEM.** Initially, one fully-registered bond for each maturity of each series of the Series 2011 Refunding 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 2011 Refunding 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 2011 Supplemental Refunding Resolution. DTC may determine to discontinue providing its services with respect to the Series 2011 Refunding 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 2011 Supplemental Refunding Resolution. In the event bond certificates are issued, the provisions of this 2011 Supplemental Refunding 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 2011 Refunding Bonds to any Participant having Series 2011 Refunding Bonds certificated to its DTC account or to arrange for another securities depository to maintain custody of certificates evidencing the Series 2011 Refunding Bonds.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this 2011 Supplemental Refunding Resolution to the contrary, so long as any Series 2011 Refunding 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 2011 Refunding Bonds and all notices with respect to the Series 2011 Refunding 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 2011 Refunding Bonds in accordance with law and this 2011 Supplemental Refunding Resolution.

7. PRIOR REDEMPTION. (a) Optional Redemption. The Series 2011 Refunding 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 2011 Refunding Bonds, which date shall not be earlier than January 1, 2016. The redemption price shall be the par value of the Series 2011 Refunding Bond or portion of the Series 2011 Refunding Bond called to be redeemed plus accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption and a premium, if any, not to exceed 1% of the principal amount of the Series 2011 Refunding Bonds being redeemed, as determined by the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners at the time of sale of the Series 2011 Refunding Bonds.

(b) Mandatory Redemption of Term Bonds. Any Series 2011 Refunding 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 2011 Refunding Bonds to be so redeemed shall be selected by lot.

(c) Extraordinary Redemption. The Series 2011 Refunding 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 2011 Refunding Bonds to be redeemed plus interest accrued to the date of redemption.

(d) General. Series 2011 Refunding 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 2011 Refunding Bonds subject to redemption maturing in any one year are to be redeemed, the Series

2011 Refunding Bonds or portions of Series 2011 Refunding 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 2011 Refunding Bonds called to be redeemed by mail to each registered owner at the registered address. Series 2011 Refunding Bonds or portions of Series 2011 Refunding 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.

8. BOND REGISTRAR AND PAYING AGENT. The Board of Aeronautics has previously designated, and entered into an agreement with, The Bank of New York Mellon 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.

9. EXECUTION, AUTHENTICATION AND DELIVERY OF SERIES 2011 REFUNDING BONDS. The Series 2011 Refunding 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 2011 Refunding Bonds. After the Series 2011 Refunding 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 2011 Refunding 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 2011 Refunding Bonds. The Bond Registrar shall indicate on each Series 2011 Refunding Bond the date of its authentication.

10. EXCHANGE AND TRANSFER OF SERIES 2011 REFUNDING BONDS. Any Series 2011 Refunding 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 2011 Refunding 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 2011 Refunding Bond.

Each Series 2011 Refunding 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 2011 Refunding 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 2011 Refunding Bond, the Bond Registrar on behalf of the County shall cancel the surrendered Series 2011 Refunding Bond and shall authenticate and deliver to the transferee a new Series 2011 Refunding 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 2011 Refunding Bond. If, at the time the Bond Registrar authenticates and delivers a new Series 2011 Refunding Bond pursuant to this section, payment of interest on such Series 2011 Refunding Bond is in default, the Bond Registrar shall endorse upon the new Series 2011 Refunding 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 2011 Refunding Bond shall be registered upon the books of the County as the absolute owner of such Series 2011 Refunding Bond, whether such Series 2011 Refunding Bond shall be overdue or not, for the purpose of receiving payment of the principal of such Series 2011 Refunding Bond and for all other purposes, except that the Record Date shall control as to payment of interest on any Series 2011 Refunding Bond, and all payments made to any such registered owner, or upon his or her order, in accordance with the provisions of Section 5 of this 2011 Supplemental Refunding Resolution shall be valid and effectual to satisfy and discharge the liability upon such Series 2011 Refunding 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 2011 Refunding 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 2011 Refunding Bonds or portions of Series 2011 Refunding Bonds which have been selected for redemption.

11. Form of Series 2011 Refunding Bonds. Each of the Series 2011 Refunding Bonds shall be in substantially the following form, with such changes and additions as shall be determined to be appropriate by the Board of Aeronautics:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
 STATE OF MICHIGAN  
 COUNTY OF KENT  
 REVENUE REFUNDING BOND  
 SERIES 2011

INTEREST RATE    MATURITY DATE    DATE OF ORIGINAL ISSUE    CUSIP  
 \_\_\_\_\_, 2011

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 \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, 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 (as defined herein), 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, 2012. 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 (the "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 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 2011 Refunding 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, August 23, 2007, February 12, 2009, March 12, 2009, and \_\_\_\_\_, 2011, and an order approving the sale of the Series 2011 Refunding 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 the cost of refunding certain of the bonds outstanding under the Bond Authorizing Resolution and paying the costs of issuing the Series 2011 Refunding 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 2011 Refunding Bonds maturing prior to January 1, 20\_\_\_, are not subject to optional redemption prior to their respective dates of maturity. Except as stated below, Series 2011 Refunding Bonds maturing on and after January 1, 20\_\_\_, 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, 20\_\_\_, at the redemption prices (expressed as percentages of the principal amount to be redeemed) set forth below 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 2011 Refunding 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 2011 Refunding 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 2011 Refunding 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 2011 Refunding Bonds maturing in any year are to be redeemed, the Series 2011 Refunding Bonds or portions of Series 2011 Refunding Bonds to be redeemed shall be selected by lot.

Notice of call of Series 2011 Refunding 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 2011 Refunding 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 2011 Refunding 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 2011 Refunding 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 2011 Refunding 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 2011 Refunding 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 2011 Refunding 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 2011 Refunding Bonds described in the within mentioned Bond Authorizing Resolution.

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON 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 2011 REFUNDING BOND FORM

12. SECURITY. The Series 2011 Refunding 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 2011 Refunding 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 2007 Bonds, the Series 2009 Bonds, the Series 2011 Refunding Bonds or Credit Facility Obligations relating to the Series 2007 Bonds, the Series 2009 Bonds or the Series 2011 Refunding 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 2007 Bonds, the Series 2009 Bonds, the Series 2011 Refunding Bonds or Credit Facility Obligations relating to the Series 2007 Bonds, the Series 2009 Bonds or the Series 2011 Refunding 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."

13. 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 2011 Refunding Bonds may be invested by the County in Investment Obligations.

14. DEPOSIT OF SERIES 2011 REFUNDING BOND PROCEEDS. On the Series 2011 Refunding Issue Date, the proceeds of the sale of the Series 2011 Refunding Bonds shall be deposited as follows:

(a) First, an amount equal to the accrued interest, if any, received on the delivery of the Series 2011 Refunding Bonds 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 2011 Refunding 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 Refunding Fund the balance of the proceeds of the sale of the Series 2011 Refunding Bonds, which shall be used to pay the costs of refunding the Series 1998 Bonds To Be Refunded as provided in Section 15.

15. REFUNDING FUND; ESCROW FUND. The balance of the proceeds of the sale of the Series 2011 Refunding Bonds, as described in Section 14(c) hereof, shall be deposited in the Refunding Fund and used to pay the costs of issuing the Series 2011 Refunding Bonds and to establish an escrow fund for the Series 1998 Bonds To Be Refunded. After the costs of issuance have been paid or provided for the remaining proceeds, together with any available moneys in the Redemption Fund and the Bond Reserve Account allocated to the Series 1998 Bonds To Be Refunded, shall be used to establish an escrow fund (the "Escrow Fund") consisting of Sufficient Cash and Sufficient Government Obligations that will be used to pay the principal of and interest on the Series 1998 Bonds To Be Refunded. The Escrow Fund shall be held by an escrow agent (the "Escrow Agent") in trust pursuant to an escrow agreement (the "Escrow Agreement") which irrevocably shall direct the Escrow Agent to take all necessary steps to pay the principal of and interest on the Series 1998 Bonds To Be Refunded when due prior to redemption and to call the Series 1998 Bonds To Be Refunded for redemption at such time as shall be determined in the Escrow Agreement. The Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners shall approve the Escrow Agreement at the time of sale of the Series 2011 Refunding Bonds. The amounts held in the Escrow Fund shall be such that the cash and the investments and the income received thereon will be Sufficient without reinvestment to pay the principal of, interest on and redemption premiums on the Series 1998 Bonds To Be Refunded when due at maturity or call for redemption as required by the Escrow Agreement.

16. APPROVAL OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY. The issuance and sale of the Series 2011 Refunding 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 2011 Refunding Bonds as provided by the terms of this 2011 Supplemental Refunding Resolution.

17. **SALE, ISSUANCE, DELIVERY, TRANSFER AND EXCHANGE OF SERIES 2011 REFUNDING BONDS.** The Bonds shall be sold pursuant to a negotiated sale to Citigroup Global Markets 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 2011 Refunding 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 2011 Refunding 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 2011 Refunding Bonds. The approval of the Bond Purchase Agreement, as well as the foregoing provisions with respect to the Series 2011 Refunding Bonds, shall be set forth in an order authorizing the sale of the Series 2011 Refunding 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 2011 Refunding Bonds in accordance with the provisions of this 2011 Supplemental Refunding Resolution. In making the determination in the order authorizing the sale of the Series 2011 Refunding 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 2011 Refunding Bond shall not exceed 5.5% per annum.

(b) The final maturity date of the Series 2011 Refunding Bonds shall not be later than January 1, 2028.

(c) The present value of the savings (net of issuance costs) to be realized by the issuance of the Series 2011 Refunding Bonds shall be equal to or greater than 5.0% of the principal amount of the Series 1998 Bonds To Be Refunded unless the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners determines at the time of the sale of the Series 2011 Refunding Bonds that a lesser amount of savings is in the best interests of the County.

(d) The purchase price of the Series 2011 Refunding Bonds shall not be less than 98.0% of the principal amount thereof.

(e) The Underwriter's discount with respect to the Series 2011 Refunding Bonds or the compensation to be paid to the Underwriter shall not exceed 0.75% of the principal amount of the Series 2011 Refunding Bonds.

18. **TAX COVENANT.** The County agrees to take all action, and refrain from taking any action, that is necessary, including paying any rebates 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 2011 Refunding Bonds from gross income for federal income tax purposes.

19. **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 2011 Refunding 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 are authorized to execute and deliver the final official statement

on behalf of the County. After the award of the Series 2011 Refunding 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.

20. 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 2011 Refunding 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.

21. CREDIT FACILITIES. The Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners may obtain a Credit Facility in respect of all or part of the Series 2011 Refunding 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 2011 Refunding 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 2011 Refunding Bonds.

22. SEVERABILITY; PARAGRAPH HEADINGS. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this 2011 Supplemental Refunding Resolution shall be held invalid, the invalidity of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the other provisions of this 2011 Supplemental Refunding Resolution. The paragraph headings in this 2011 Supplemental Refunding Resolution are furnished for convenience of reference only and shall not be considered to be part of this 2011 Supplemental Refunding Resolution.

23. PUBLICATION AND RECORDATION. This 2011 Supplemental Refunding 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.

24. 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.

25. EFFECTIVE DATE. This 2011 Supplemental Refunding Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Shroll, Koorndyk, Chivis, Talen, Bulkowski, Hennessy, Saalfeld, Voorhees, Boelema, Wawee, Rolls, Morgan, Antor, Vonk – 14.

Nays: Hirsch, Ponstein – 2.

9-8-11-76 – MILLENNIUM PARK – MEIJER MILLENNIUM TRAIL NETWORK  
RIGHT OF WAY LICENSE WITH CITY OF WALKER / PARKS

WHEREAS, in July 2008, the Board of Commissioners approved the Fred Meijer Millennium Park Trail Network Capital Improvement Program project; and



WHEREAS, a portion of the trail will be built within land which is owned and used by the City of Walker for public right of way purposes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Walker supports the project as proposed, and is willing to grant to the County a license to install, operate and maintain the trail on a segment of land within its right of way; and

WHEREAS, the term of the license agreement shall be for 20 years, with 10-year automatic renewals unless terminated sooner by either party. Pursuant to the terms of the agreement, the County will pay the costs associated with the construction and maintenance of the trail within the right of way; and

WHEREAS, funding for the project was provided by private gifts and grants; and

WHEREAS, Corporate Counsel has reviewed and approved the agreement as to form.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby approve a Non-Motorized Trail License Agreement with the City of Walker for portions of the Fred Meijer Millennium Trail Network within Millennium Park; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Chair or her designee is authorized to sign the document.

Motion by Commissioner Saalfeld, seconded by Commissioner Koorndyk, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried by voice vote.

#### 9-8-11-77 – MUSKETAWA / WHITE PINE CONNECTOR TRAIL RIGHT OF WAY LICENSE WITH CITY OF WALKER / PARKS

WHEREAS, in October 2008, the Board of Commissioners approved the Musketawa/White Pine Trail Connector Capital Improvement Program project; and

WHEREAS, portions of the trail will be built within land which is owned and used by the City of Walker for public right of way purposes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Walker supports the project as proposed, and is willing to grant to the County a license to install, operate and maintain the trail on four separate segments of land within its right of way; and

WHEREAS, the term of the license agreement shall be for 20 years, with 10-year automatic renewals unless terminated sooner by either party. Pursuant to the terms of the agreement, the County will pay the costs associated with the construction and maintenance of the trail within the right of way; and

WHEREAS, funding for the project includes Federal Highway High Priority Project Grant Funds, funding from the Meijer Foundation and Kent County, all of which have been previously appropriated; and

WHEREAS, Assistant Corporate Counsel has reviewed and approved the agreement as to form.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners to approve a Non-Motorized Trail License Agreement with the City of Walker for portions of the Musketawa/White Pine Connector Trail; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Chair or her designee is authorized to sign the document.

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

#### REPORTS

Collaboration/Cooperation Subcommittee

Commissioner Koorndyk: The Collaboration/Cooperation Subcommittee met on Tuesday to review the One Kent draft legislation and the members compiled 35 questions. The subcommittee plans to meet with state legislators in September. The next meeting of the Subcommittee will be September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

MISCELLANEOUSKent County Elected Officials

Commissioner Saalfeld: Wishing to correct misinformation from Senate Majority Leader Richardville with regard to the number of elected officials in Kent County. There are 250 fewer elected officials than he reported. The State's legislature costs \$100 million a year, so that is an area in which cuts should be made.

Medicaid & Medicare

Commissioner Talen: The federal government is considering a dual eligibility program for Medicare and Medicaid for disabled persons. Network180 is having an information session tonight at 6:30 pm for anyone interested in learning more about the proposed program.

Full Faith & Credit

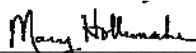
Vice Chair Vonk: The Legislative & Human Resources Committee will discuss when and how we use the County's "full faith and credit."

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:55 a.m., Commissioner Koorndyk moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, September 22, 2011, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 8:30 a.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Wawee. Motion carried.



Sandi Frost Parrish, Chair



Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk

# PROCEEDINGS

of the  
**Kent County Board of Commissioners**  
**September 22, 2011 – Regular Meeting**

Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chair Sandi Frost Parrish.

Present: Commissioners Antor, Boelema, Bulkowski, Chivis, Hennessy, Hirsch, Koorndyk, Mast, Morgan, Ponstein, Rolls, Saalfeld, Shroll, Talen, Vander Molen, Vonk, Voorhees, Wawee, Chair Parrish - 19.

Absent: None.

Invocation: Commissioner Shroll introduced Hank Post (retired Minister of Pastoral Care, Park Congregational Church, now serving as a mentor to persons returning to society from prison), who gave the invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Gabe Hudson, 8269 Kalamazoo Avenue SE, Gaines Township – As Chair of the Agricultural Preservation Board, he gave a quick update. In 2011, four farms were preserved totaling 434 acres; they received 34 applications of which they will request appraisals on 10 farms for 2012 federal funding. They are currently working with the Wege Foundation on a grant request.

## CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of September 8, 2011, Meeting
- b) September 6, 2011, Finance Committee Meeting Minutes  
(Reports of Claims and Allowances)
- c) Resolution:

### 9-22-11-78 – ENERGY REBATE – ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE / ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, in 2011, the County installed energy efficient lighting at the Sheriff's Department and received a rebate of \$56,840 from Consumers Energy; and

WHEREAS, funding for this project was provided through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and the rebate will be utilized by the Energy Steering Committee to fund energy related projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approves the acceptance of \$56,840 from a Consumers Energy Rebate and to appropriate these funds to the 2011 Energy Grant Special Revenue Fund.

Motion by Commissioner Shroll, seconded by Commissioner Vonk, that the Consent Agenda items be approved.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Antor, Boeema, Bulkowski, Chivis, Hennessy, Hirsch, Koorndyk, Mast, Morgan, Ponstein, Rolls, Saalfeld, Shroll, Talen, Vander Molen, Vonk, Voorhees, Wawee, Chair Parrish – 19.

Nays: 0.

## RESOLUTIONS

### 9-22-11-79 – SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT / PUBLIC WORKS

WHEREAS, Public Act 451 as required by Section 11539a of Part 115, Solid Waste Management, of the Natural Resources & Environmental Protection Act 1994, as amended, requires all Michigan counties to have a Solid Waste Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, Michigan State law requires that all Public Act 451 plans be revised every five years; and

WHEREAS, the Kent County Board of Commissioners selected the Board of Public Works as the designated planning agency for the Board of Commissioners to prepare the Solid Waste Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Kent County Board of Commissioners on January 27, 2011, appointed a Solid Waste Management Planning Committee to assist in the preparation of the Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment; and

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Management Planning Committee prepared an amended draft plan, held a public hearing, reviewed the draft plan, and revised it in response to public comments; and

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Management Planning Committee has adopted and approved a final Kent County Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Public Works has recommended that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approve the amended Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Kent County Board of Commissioners has reviewed the details of the Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners wishes to compliment the Solid Waste Management Planning Committee and acknowledge its efforts in amending a thoughtful and well conceived plan for solid waste management; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment for Kent County, Michigan and directs the designated planning agency to present the plan to all of the municipalities in the County for review approval.

Motion by Commissioner Wawee, seconded by Commissioner Koorndyk, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried by voice vote.

### 9-22-11-80 – OCTOBER 1 BUDGETS FOR FY2012 / FISCAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Finance & Physical Resources Committee has met to review the FY 2012 budgets that begin on October 1, 2011.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners held a Work Session on the Recommended FY 2012 budgets that will begin on October 1, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Finance & Physical Resources Committee will begin to review the Recommended FY 2012 Budget in detail on October 4, 2011, and the proposed sources and appropriations for the October 1, 2011, through September 30, 2012, fiscal year budgets will be included in the FY 2012 General Appropriation Act; and

WHEREAS, the resolution for the FY 2012 General Appropriation Act will be presented to the Board of Commissioners for adoption on November 17, 2011.

WHEREAS, estimated total sources and appropriations for the October 1, 2011, through September 30, 2012, fiscal year Budgets are recommended as follows:

Special Revenue Funds	Sources			Appropriations
	Non-Gen Fund	General Fund	Reserves	
Health	\$17,461,767	\$ 6,656,868	\$ -	\$24,118,635
Childcare	10,157,619	10,292,915	-	20,450,534
DHS	5,942,319	6,000,000	-	11,942,319
Childcare				
Friend of the Court	6,793,928	1,989,837	-	8,783,765
Special Projects	3,221,303	700,493	4,106	3,925,902
Veterans Trust	105,000	-	-	105,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$43,681,936</b>	<b>\$25,640,113</b>	<b>\$ 4,106</b>	<b>\$69,326,155</b>

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby appropriates \$69,326,155 from estimated sources and Special Projects Fund reserves to Special Revenue Funds for the October 1, 2011, through September 30, 2012, budgets for FY 2012.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Antor, Boelema, Bulkowski, Chivis, Hennessy, Hirsch, Koorndyk, Mast, Morgan, Ponstein, Rolls, Saalfeld, Shroll, Talen, Vander Molen, Vonk, Voorhees, Wawee, Chair Parrish – 19.

Nays: 0.

9-22-11-81 – KENT COUNTY HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM / COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the Community Development Department currently administers a Housing Rehabilitation Program under Board approved guidelines first adopted in 1982 and last revised in December 1995. The Program is funded with Federal Community Development Block Grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and

WHEREAS, the principal purpose of the Housing Rehabilitation Program is to maintain or improve the structural condition and safety of homes belonging to low- and moderate- income households within Kent County. The Program accomplishes this purpose by providing construction funds to homeowners in the form of interest free, deferred payment loans, or in the form of grants. Emergency funds are also available when health and safety issues must be immediately addressed to allow the homeowner to remain in the property; and

WHEREAS, the program scope and intent remains unchanged, necessary revisions are made to clarify program components and to include language addressing Federal guidance related to Lead Safe Work Practices, Treatment of Historic Properties, and change in HUD's definition of annual household income; and

WHEREAS, the recommended Housing Rehabilitation Guideline revisions were reviewed by HUD Detroit Field Office staff and Kent County Assistant Corporate Counsel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves the revised Kent County Housing Rehabilitation Program Guidelines.

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

#### 9-22-11-82 – CHILD CARE FUND ANNUAL PLAN APPROVAL / CIRCUIT COURT

WHEREAS, each year the 17<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court – Family Division and the Kent County 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

WHEREAS, the budget amounts provided for in the proposed agreements are based on the most current budget estimates available from the State of Michigan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves the Child Care Fund Annual Plan for FY 2012 and authorize the Board Chair to sign the document.

Motion by Commissioner Morgan, seconded by Commissioner Koorndyk, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Antor, Boelema, Bulkowski, Chivis, Hennessy, Hirsch, Koorndyk, Mast, Morgan, Ponstein, Rolls, Saalfeld, Shroll, Talen, Vander Molen, Vonk, Voorhees, Wawee, Chair Parrish – 19.

Nays: 0.

#### APPOINTMENTS

##### Board of Canvassers

Motion by Commissioner Shroll, seconded by Commissioner Koorndyk, to appoint Frederic Overeem and Marie Gowell to the Board of Canvassers.

Motion carried by voice vote.

#### REPORTS

##### Collaboration/Cooperation Subcommittee

Commissioner Koordnyk: Last week he, along with Administrator Delabbio, met with Senator Randy Richardville's staff regarding the One Kent legislation. They were told that it was not on the near agenda. Staff updated on what Kent County knows and asked legislative staff to communicate with Kent if they hear anything

further. The Collaboration/Cooperation Subcommittee will meet immediately following this meeting and will continue to keep all informed.

#### Downtown Development Authority

Commissioner Talen: The DDA approved a Memorandum of Understanding with Grand Action regarding the Downtown Urban Market. The DDA will fund some significant street improvements on the streets surrounding the urban market. The proposed opening date is Spring 2013.

### MISCELLANEOUS

#### Grand Rapids Historical Commission

Commissioner Chivis: She gave Commissioners a copy of the booklet "*Glance at the Past*" an album of Grand Rapids history, published by the Grand Rapids Historical Commission.

#### POW/MIAs Service Ceremony

Commissioner Mast: On September 16<sup>th</sup>, he participated in the service ceremony for POW/MIAs at the Veteran's Home by presenting a proclamation. This was the first time that a person read the names of those missing from Michigan from the Korean and Vietnam Wars, which was very moving.

#### Heart of the City Health Center

Commissioner Mast: Toured the Heart of the City Health Center and encouraged Commissioners to go on the September 28<sup>th</sup> tour. This is a very good example of collaboration - three non-profit agencies in our community voluntarily merged. As of October 1, we no longer have a Proaction Behavior Health Alliance, Cherry Street Health Center and Touchstone. They will fold into one facility for a new approach that addresses access and integration of care for low-income people. The building is located at the corner of Cherry and Sheldon.

#### Wyoming/Kentwood Chamber legislative luncheon

Commissioner Mast: Invited all to attend the October 24<sup>th</sup> Wyoming/Kentwood Chamber legislative luncheon with guest speaker, Treasurer Andy Dillon.

#### Agricultural Preservation Board Update

Commissioner Hirsch: Thanked Gabe Hudson for the update and all of his work on the Agricultural Preservation Board. Also, thanked Commissioner Antor for his service on the Ag Board as well.

#### Sympathy

Commissioner Rolls: Extended his sympathy to the Sheriff Stelma and his family with the recent passing of his father.

#### ArtPrize

Commissioner Ponstein: Welcomed all of the ArtPrize artists to town. He and his wife are hosting an artist from Northwest Ontario in their home.

#### Health Challenge

Chair Parrish: Attended the Heart of the City Press Conference with the Governor where he encouraged citizens to lead healthier lives. She challenged anyone to join her for the Grand Rapids Half Marathon or the Fifth Third River Bank Run (25K) next year.

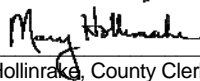
### ADJOURNMENT

At 8:45 a.m., Commissioner Shroll moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, October 13, 2011, Room 310, County Administration Building, at

6:00 p.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Wawee. Motion carried.



Sandi Frost Parrish, Chair



Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk



# PROCEEDINGS

of the  
**Kent County Board of Commissioners**  
**October 13, 2011 – Regular Meeting**

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Sandi Frost Parrish.

Present: Commissioners Antor, Boelema, Chivis, Hennessy, Hirsch, Koorndyk, Mast, Morgan, Ponstein, Rolls, Saalfeld, Shroll, Talen, Vander Molen, Voorhees, Wawee, Chair Parrish - 17.

Absent: Bulkowski, Vonk (Excused) - 2.

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

## PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

## SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

### Kids Food Basket

Mary K. Hoodhood, founder of Kids Food Basket, gave a short history of the program. Today, volunteers prepare and deliver 4,000 sack suppers to area children in need at 25 area elementary schools. Bridget Clark Whitney, Executive Director of Kids Food Basket, explained that each supper is a 1000-calorie meal with the five food groups. Over 30,000 kids in Kent County live in poverty. Kids Food Basket is the only organization in the community dedicated to childhood hunger without which lunch might be the last meal of the day. This organization is dependent upon in-kind donations and volunteers working together to attack childhood hunger.

## CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of September 22, 2011, Meeting
- b) September 22, 2011, Finance Committee Meeting Minutes  
(Reports of Claims and Allowances)
- c) Establish Public Hearing Date and Time – November 3, 2011, 8:30 a.m.
  - 1) Proposed 2012 County Budget and Millage Rate
- d) Resolution:

10-13-11-83 – 2011 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.

10-13-11-84 – FY 2011 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE  
ASSISTANCE GRANT / SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) supports local activities that prevent and control crime, including law enforcement programs, prosecution and court programs, prevention and education programs, corrections and community corrections programs, drug treatment programs, and planning, evaluation, and technology programs; and

WHEREAS, Kent County and the City of Grand Rapids have been jointly allocated \$208,668; and

WHEREAS, Kent County will receive \$93,901 and the City of Grand Rapids will receive \$114,767. The City of Grand Rapids' Community Development Department will be responsible for the administration of the grant; and each local unit will be responsible for their respective sub-allocations of the grant; and

WHEREAS, the funds will be used by the Sheriff's Department for upgrades to the Record Management System (RMS) to increase access and functionality of data analysis systems. The RMS will receive significant technology upgrades, which will improve interface capacity between systems and increase cost savings. The RMS upgrade will allow internal and external interfacing support as well as increased access to reporting tools; and

WHEREAS, the grant period is October 1, 2011, through September 30, 2014.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves the Sheriff Department's request to accept an Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant from the Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby appropriates \$93,901 to the 2012 Sheriff's Department Special Projects budget.

Motion by Commissioner Antor, seconded by Commissioner Vander Molen, that the Consent Agenda items be approved.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Wawee, Voorhees, Vander Molen, Talen, Shroll, Saalfeld, Rolls, Ponstein, Morgan, Mast, Koorndyk, Hirsch, Hennessy, Chivis, Boelema, Antor, Chair Parrish – 17.

Nays: 0.

## RESOLUTIONS

### 10-13-11-85 – AUTHORIZATION OF A WINTER 2011 (DECEMBER 1, 2011) DEDICATED MILLAGE PROPERTY TAX LEVY / BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS / FISCAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the County Administrator/Controller is developing a recommended budget for the year 2012, which outlines requirements for revenues and expenditures to support operations/capital programming; and

WHEREAS, the preliminary recommended budget includes spending requests for the 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, 2011, levy of taxation of 1.1137 mills which includes the levy 0.7893 mills for debt service and operation of facilities for County Corrections/Detention as approved by County electors on August 5, 2008, and 0.3244 mills for Senior Services as approved by County electors on August 8, 2006.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Wawee, Voorhees, Vander Molen, Talen, Shroll, Saalfeld, Rolls, Ponstein, Morgan, Mast, Koorndyk, Hirsch, Hennessy, Chivis, Boelema, Antor, Chair Parrish – 17.

Nays: 0.

### 10-13-11-86 – AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF KENT HOSPITAL FINANCE AUTHORITY REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2011 C – SPECTRUM HOSPITALS / FISCAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Kent Hospital Finance Authority (the "Authority") proposes to issue bonds (the "Bonds") for the benefit of Spectrum Health System and certain affiliates (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 refund the existing Kent Hospital Finance Authority Revenue Refunding Bonds (Spectrum Health System) Series 2008A-1 originally issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$74,900,000; (ii) to refund the existing Kent Hospital Finance Authority Revenue Refunding Bonds (Spectrum Health System) Series 2008B-2 originally issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$112,500,000; (iii) to make a deposit to a debt service reserve fund; and (iv) to pay costs of issuing the Bonds. The Bonds are proposed to be issued in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed Two Hundred Twenty-Five Million Dollars (\$225,000,000); 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 October 11, 2011, 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 Saalfeld, seconded by Commissioner Koorndyk, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Wawee, Voorhees, Vander Molen, Talen, Shroll, Saalfeld, Rolls, Ponstein, Morgan, Mast, Koorndyk, Hirsch, Hennessy, Chivis, Boelema, Antor, Chair Parrish – 17.

Nays: 0.

#### 10-13-11-87 – COLLABORATIVE PARKS STUDY GRANT ACCEPTANCE / PARKS

WHEREAS, in January 2011, the Legislative Subcommittee on Parks presented a recommendation that the County partner with its local units and community stakeholders to jointly fund and conduct a detailed collaborative services study of parks and recreational systems; and

WHEREAS, as a result, staff began the process to secure funding for the study. To date, the County has secured 75 percent of the funding (\$25,000 Grand Rapids Community Foundation; \$15,000 Frey Foundation; \$10,000 Kent County; and \$25,000 Dyer-Ives Foundation) and has several grant applications pending to cover the estimated cost of \$100,000; and

WHEREAS, a citizens committee has been appointed to guide the issuance of an RFP to identify a consultant/firm to complete the study; and

WHEREAS, the study will be completed in two phases with the first phase being completed in the first quarter of 2012.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approves the acceptance of a \$25,000 grant from the Dyer-Ives Foundation to support the implementation of a multi-jurisdictional parks and recreation study.

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

10-13-11-88 – ACCEPT GRANT FOR THE THORNAPPLE TRAIL  
DEVELOPMENT PROJECT / PARKS

WHEREAS, the Thornapple Trail Development Project was approved, as part of the FY 1999 CIP Budget, to pave approximately seven miles of trail from the City of Kentwood, at 60<sup>th</sup> Street, southeast through Dutton and Caledonia; and

WHEREAS, to date, much of the work has been completed, including paving along 60<sup>th</sup> Street and between 76<sup>th</sup> Street and Main Street in Caledonia; and

WHEREAS, the final major phase of this project has been to secure and develop a route between 60<sup>th</sup> and 76<sup>th</sup> Streets. Recently, Steelcase Inc. generously provided an easement along its property fronting East Paris Ave. to facilitate completion of this route; and

WHEREAS, the Parks Department has secured a grant from the West Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance for \$50,000 to fund the work required to develop this connecting segment of trail. No additional County funds are required.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners accepts and appropriates \$50,000 from the West Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance to the 2011 Thornapple Trail Development Project budget in the CIP Fund.

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

10-13-11-89 – ACQUISITION OF TAX-FORECLOSED PROPERTIES BY  
KENT COUNTY / TREASURER

WHEREAS, the County Treasurer, as the tax foreclosing governmental unit, each year forecloses on real property with unpaid property taxes; and

WHEREAS, State Statute (MCL 211.78 et. seq.) provides the legal framework for the foreclosure process and the ultimate disposition of these foreclosed properties; and

WHEREAS, the statute provides that foreclosed properties are to be offered to the state, local taxing units, and counties for acquisition prior to tax auction; and

WHEREAS, the County Treasurer, on behalf of the Kent County Land Bank Authority, has requested that the Board of Commissioners exercise its statutory right to acquire the three properties identified below, and thereafter transfer them to the Land Bank Authority upon payment of the listed minimum bids.

<b>Parcel Number</b>	<b>Street Address</b>	<b>Govt Unit</b>	<b>Min. Bid</b>
41-14-31-406-015	452 Delaware SE	GR	\$5,679
41-13-35-429-014	956 Woolsey SW	GR	\$5,181
41-13-35-429-021	941 Merrill SW	GR	\$4,482
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,342</b>

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves the acquisition of the tax-foreclosed properties, and their transfer to the Kent County Land Bank Authority upon payment of the minimum bid for each; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairperson of the Kent County Board of Commissioners is authorized to sign all documents reviewed and approved by Corporate Counsel as required for the transfer of the three listed properties to the Kent County Land Bank Authority.

Motion by Commissioner Hennessy, seconded by Commissioner Saalfeld, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Voorhees, Vander Molen, Talen, Saalfeld, Rolls, Ponstein, Morgan, Mast, Hirsch, Hennessy, Chivis, Boelemma, Antor, Chair Parrish – 14.

Nays: Wawee, Shroll, Koorndyk - 3.

10-13-11-90 – LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT POOL – CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS / 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, the City of Grand Rapids 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 the City of Grand Rapids 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 the City of Grand Rapids to participate in the Local Government Investment Pool.

Motion by Commissioner Saalfeld, seconded by Commissioner Koorndyk, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried by voice vote.

## APPOINTMENTS

### Department of Human Services (DHS)

Motion by Commissioner Wawee, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, to appoint Bruce McCoy to the Department of Human Services Board.

Motion carried by voice vote.

## REPORTS

### Collaboration/Cooperation Subcommittee

Commissioner Koordnyk: The Collaboration/Cooperation Subcommittee is in the process of setting up a "parallel committee" and will try to get answers to the 37 questions. The next meeting will be held on October 18<sup>th</sup>.

### Land Bank Authority

Commissioner Ponstein: The Land Bank Authority has hired David Allen as Executive Director. There will be a work session held on what land banks are.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Service Pin

Commissioner Voorhees: Congratulated and presented Chair Parrish with her 5-year service pin.

### Law Enforcement Acknowledgement

Commissioner Antor: Area law enforcement agencies work together and do a great job. He would like the Board to send a letter of condolence to the Trevor Slot Family (slain officer) and the Walker Police Department. Officer Slot was recently killed while trying to apprehend two bank robbers.

Commissioner Wawee: Asked that everyone remember our law enforcement personnel who work day in and day out to make our community a safer place to live.

### Local Heroes

Commissioner Rolls: Attended a celebration at Gezon Volkswagen for local heroes who, through the Oprah Winfrey Show, received new cars. One of the "heroes" is a Kent County employee.

### CIC Anniversary

Commissioner Hennessy: Attended the Cultural Insight Committee's 10-year celebration held Wednesday evening at DeVos Place.

### Wyoming/Kentwood Chamber Legislative Luncheon

Commissioner Mast: Reminded Commissioners of the October 24<sup>th</sup> Wyoming/Kentwood Chamber legislative luncheon with guest speaker, Treasurer Andy Dillon.

### BOC Agenda

Commissioner Ponstein: Would like to make sure that the public is aware that changes to the agenda are possible as the agenda is in "draft" form until the actual meeting. (That caveat will be added to the web page.)

### Chair Comments

Chair Parrish: Congratulated and presented Commissioner Hennessy with her 5-year service pin.

Also, she announced that she will give the address at the October 20<sup>th</sup> Rotary

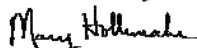
luncheon.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:48 p.m., Commissioner Antor moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, November 3, 2011, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 6:00 p.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Wawee. Motion carried.



Sandi Frost Parrish, Chair



Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk



# PROCEEDINGS

of the  
**Kent County Board of Commissioners**  
**November 3, 2011 – Regular Meeting**

Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chair Sandi Frost Parrish.

Present: Commissioners Antor, Bulkowski, Chivis, Hennessy, Hirsch, Koorndyk, Mast, Morgan, Ponstein, Rolls, Saalfeld, Shroll, Talen, Vander Molen, Vonk, Voorhees, Wawee, Chair Parrish - 18.

Absent: Boelema – 1 (Excused).

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

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Scott Atchison, 2251 South Saulk Trail, Grand Rapids – Goal is to have a downtown city/county information booth. He would like to see the Downtown Development Authority fund it and the Convention and Visitors Bureau staff it.

## SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

### 2012 Budget Public Hearing

Motion by Commissioner Voorhees, seconded by Commissioner Saalfeld, to go into a public hearing on the 2012 budget.

Motion carried by voice vote.

At 8:39 a.m., the hearing began on the proposed 2012 budget.

County Administrator Daryl Delabbio presented an overview of the proposed 2012 budget (copy of which is on file in the Office of County Clerk).

Chair Parrish explained that questions from Commissioners would be taken prior to public comment.

**Hirsch:** The taxable value at our peak would increase how much each year?

**Delabbio:** \$1 billion dollars cumulative over several years.

**Talen:** Asked for an explanation in the change of appropriation lapse line item because with declining budgets he is surprised it is increasing.

**Delabbio:** The cost is associated with payroll and benefits and that figure for 2011 will increase.

**Mast:** The figure for revenue sharing now that the state has a two-year budget, is it for one year or two years?

**Delabbio:** 2012 only.

**Morgan:** Of the revenue \$5 million shortfall, how much is attributed to the State?

**Delabbio:** \$3 million – State and \$2 million decrease in property tax revenue.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Motion by Commissioner Voorhees, seconded by Commissioner Saalfeld, to go back into general session.

Motion carried by voice vote.

Chair Parrish declared the hearing closed at 9:07 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of October 13, 2011, Meeting
- b) October 18, 2011, Finance Committee Meeting Minutes  
(Reports of Claims and Allowances)
- c) Resolution:

11-03-11-91 – DISPROPORTIONATE MINORITY CONTRACTS (DMC)  
INTERVENTION AND REDUCTION PROGRAM / 17<sup>TH</sup> CIRCUIT  
COURT

WHEREAS, the Circuit Court – Family Division was awarded a three year grant to implement a diversion project and the collection of data to reduce disproportionate minority contacts (DMC) 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, while the program is designed to reduce disproportionate minority representation, the program will be available to all eligible referrals within the geographic target area; and

WHEREAS, a DMC Reduction Steering Committee has been established which consists of community leaders and 17<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court staff. The Committee collaborates with the following organizations: Grand Rapids Police Department, Pine Rest Christian Services, and Institute for Systematic Change, GVSU, Cascade Engineering, Grand Rapids African American Roundtable, and Brown-Hutcherson Ministries; and

WHEREAS, GVSU School of Social Work will design, conduct, and report an outcome evaluation of the Juvenile Success Center Program; and

WHEREAS, the grant term is October 1, 2011, to September 30, 2014.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners appropriate \$125,000 in State Grant Funds to the 2012 Circuit Court budget in the Special Project Fund to continue a diversion program aimed at reducing minority contacts in the juvenile justice system.

11-03-11-92 – FY 2011 FIRE PREVENTION BUDGET AMENDMENT / FIRE  
COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Fire Prevention Fund established in 1942, is permitted by MCLA 46.301 to oversee the purchase of fire extinguishing apparatus and equipment for 15 participating townships on a rotating basis. The law permitting such activity limits the County's contribution to 50 percent of the cost of such equipment, with townships required to contribute the remaining 50 percent; and

WHEREAS, the total FY 2011 budget appropriation for the Fire Prevention budget was \$572,241. The final cost to close out FY 2011 expenditures will not exceed \$808,056; and

WHEREAS, the additional funds are required for replacement of the Grattan Township fire apparatus that was totaled as a result of an accident; and

WHEREAS, Fiscal Services is requesting an additional \$235,815 appropriation from receipted revenues, \$157,500 from insurance claims reimbursement and \$78,315 from Grattan Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners appropriates an additional \$235,815 to the FY 2011 Fire Prevention Budget from receipted revenues.

11-03-11-93 – FY 2011 SHERIFF'S MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL DRUG ENFORCEMENT TEAM BUDGET AMENDMENT / SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Multi-jurisdictional Drug Enforcement Team (MET) is a drug task force that targets and investigates top level narcotics traffickers utilizing historical investigative techniques, as well as Federal statutes in conjunction with several Federal agencies; and

WHEREAS, the MET is funded from Federal Grants and forfeitures/ seizures; and

WHEREAS, the total FY 2011 original budget appropriation for the MET budget was \$106,903. The final cost to close out FY 2011 expenditures will not exceed \$108,403; and

WHEREAS, Fiscal Services is requesting an additional \$1,500 appropriation to the FY 2011 MET budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby appropriates an additional \$1,500 to the FY 2011 MET Budget in the Special Projects Fund from receipted revenues.

Motion by Commissioner Vonk, seconded by Commissioner Vander Molen, that the Consent Agenda items be approved.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Vonk, Antor, Morgan, Rolls, Wawee, Ponstein, Voorhees, Hirsch, Saalfeld, Mast, Vander Molen, Hennessy, Bulkowski, Talen, Chivis, Koorndyk, Shroll, Chair Parrish – 18.

Nays: 0.

RESOLUTIONS

11-03-11-94 – FUNDING FOR COLLABORATION – COOPERATION SUBCOMMITTEE ACTIVITIES / BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, on July 28, 2011, Board Chair Parrish announced the creation of the Collaboration-Cooperation Subcommittee, composed of Commissioners Dan Koorndyk (Chair), Carol Hennessy, Harold Mast, Jim Saalfeld, Shana Shroll, and Harold Voorhees; and

WHEREAS, the Subcommittee has identified a number of questions associated with the proposed consolidation of the City of Grand Rapids and the County of Kent. Included among the questions is the impact on economic development within the county and the city, including a review of the impact of similar mergers on economic development in other areas of the country; and

WHEREAS, the W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research has submitted a proposal to look at this issue. The Institute, based in Kalamazoo, is a non-partisan, not-for-profit research organization which conducts research on a variety of employment and economic issues, and is familiar with

the structure and performance of the Grand Rapids MSA's economy through previous studies; and

WHEREAS, the study proposal also includes a review of existing, successful collaborations within Kent County that have improved the delivery of governmental services to identify common characteristics and determine their applicability to a comprehensive effort to consolidate governmental services; and

WHEREAS, the Collaboration Cooperation Subcommittee has reviewed the proposal and recommends that the study be conducted with the initial focus being placed on the review of existing collaborations and the potential for expansion or application to other collaborations and consolidations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners appropriate \$15,000 from the Unassigned General Fund Balance to the Management Studies Budget to fund a study of the impact of collaboration and consolidation on Kent County and the City of Grand Rapids.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Vonk, Antor, Morgan, Rolls, Wawee, Voorhees, Hirsch, Saalfeld, Mast, Vander Molen, Hennessy, Bulkowski, Talen, Chivis, Koorndyk, Shroll, Chair Parrish – 17.

Nays: Ponstein – 1.

11-03-11-95 – AERONAUTICS GOVERNANCE SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT  
AND RECOMMENDATIONS / BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
/ AERONAUTICS

WHEREAS, in 1956 the Kent County Board of Supervisors established the Airport Board of Control which was later renamed the Kent County Aeronautics Board in October 1959 and to coincide with the airport expansion and growing impact of the airport. The airport name was changed in 1999 from the Kent County International Airport to the Gerald R. Ford International Airport; and

WHEREAS, the Kent County Aeronautics Board was originally comprised of six (6) members that are appointed by the County Board of Commissioners and of which three (3) are County Commissioners and three (3) are Citizen Representatives; and

WHEREAS, the Aeronautics Governance Subcommittee was established by the Kent County Board Chair in January 2011 to review the governance structure of the airport and to make recommendations regarding its composition and structure; and

WHEREAS, the Aeronautics Governance Subcommittee has reviewed national and state data and information and has evaluated potential governance structures as permitted by state statute; and

WHEREAS, the Aeronautics Governance Subcommittee has conducted interviews with regional stakeholders which are supportive of expanding the size of the Kent County Aeronautics Board to reflect the regional importance of the Gerald R. Ford International Airport; and

WHEREAS, the Kent County Board of Commissioners recognizes that the Gerald R. Ford International Airport is a critical asset to the West Michigan regional economy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners desires to strengthen and enhance the role and impact of the Gerald R. Ford International Airport in supporting a strong regional economy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby increases the membership of the Kent County

Aeronautics Board from six (6) to seven (7) members of which three (3) shall be Kent County Commissioners; three (3) shall be citizen representatives residing within Kent County and one (1) shall be an individual living outside of Kent County but within the West Michigan Combined Statistical Area (Allegan, Barry, Ionia, Montcalm, Muskegon, Newaygo, and Ottawa counties) who shall represent private sector businesses; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the term of all members shall remain three (3) years with the term of the new appointment representing the West Michigan region and private sector businesses beginning January 1, 2012; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners does hereby change the name of the *Kent County Aeronautics Board* to the *Gerald R. Ford International Airport Board* to be consistent with the name of the airport and to reflect the significant impact that the Gerald R. Ford International Airport has in connecting West Michigan to national and international locations; and that this change shall represent a change in name only and the Board shall continue to operate pursuant to MCL 259.133; and that all contracts, leases and other agreements of the Kent County Aeronautics Board shall be equally binding upon the Gerald R. Ford International Airport Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners directs the Gerald R. Ford International Airport Board to continue to work with its regional neighbors and community partners to develop a plan to grow the regional impact and to coordinate the development of more complementary services with existing airports; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners direct the Gerald R. Ford International Airport Board to review and amend its current Standing Rules/Bylaws to be consistent with this Resolution.

Motion by Commissioner Koorndyk, seconded by Commissioner Saalfeld, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Vonk, Antor, Morgan, Rolls, Wawee, Ponstein, Voorhees, Hirsch, Saalfeld, Mast, Vander Molen, Hennessy, Bulkowski, Talen, Chivis, Koorndyk, Shroll, Chair Parrish – 18.

Nays: 0.

11-03-11-96 – 2012 MANAGEMENT PAY PLAN (MPP) COMPENSATION PROGRAM / HUMAN RESOURCES

WHEREAS, the Management Pay Plan (MPP) Compensation Program, as authorized by the Board of Commissioners, provides for periodic review and adjustment of the pay structure for MPP positions. The Bargaining/Benefits Subcommittee was assigned to work with Human Resources to develop a recommendation; and

WHEREAS, the Human Resources Department recommends that MPP employees not be provided pay increases in January 2012 following the 2011 performance evaluation process; and

WHEREAS, it is further recommended that the salary ranges be increased by 2% in 2012 as necessary to maintain a competitive compensation structure with 2012 increases provided to only those MPP employees at the minimum of their respective pay ranges; and

WHEREAS, the recommendations are consistent with the budget parameters set by the Finance and Physical Resources Committee for budget year 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative and Human Resources Committee has reviewed and recommends approval of the Human Resources Department recommendations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Kent County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the recommendations of the Human Resources Department that no 2012 MPP performance based salary adjustments be made as a result of the 2011 performance evaluation process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approve a 2.0% adjustment be made to the current MPP pay ranges.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Vonk, Antor, Morgan, Rolls, Wawee, Ponstein, Voorhees, Hirsch, Saalfeld, Mast, Vander Molen, Hennessy, Bulkowski, Talen, Chivis, Koorndyk, Shroll, Chair Parrish – 18.

Nays: 0.

11-03-11-97 – INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH MDOT TO SHARE FIBER OPTIC NETWORK / INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

WHEREAS, the Information Technology Department has identified fiber optic network alternatives to support various County operations, including the Sheriff's Department South Substation, Parks Department administration, and John Ball Zoo with high-speed network connections for voice, data, and video services; and

WHEREAS, MDOT has agreed to provide the County with access to connections on the I-96, I-196, and M-6 Intelligent Traffic System fiber ring around the City of Grand Rapids with an irrevocable right to use the System. The System consists of multiple fiber strands, and the County is interested in using two strands of single mode fiber; and

WHEREAS, by entering into this Agreement, MDOT intends to utilize its excess fiber optic cable in order to improve the efficiency of the local public entity's fiber network, lower the overall cost for participating entities while increasing bandwidth and maximizing the use of public resources; and

WHEREAS, by sharing MDOT's fiber optic network, the County can meet its need for high-speed network connectivity at a lower cost. Costs for using the System is estimated at \$340 - \$360 per month for the two strands including maintenance. Based on an initial survey of existing network connections, the shared use of MDOT's System will improve County's telecommunications capability and will decrease telecommunications cost by \$1,047 per month; and

WHEREAS, Assistant Corporate Counsel has reviewed and approved the Agreement as to form.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners' approves entering into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to share and access use of its fiber optic cable network and authorizes the Board Chair and/or the County Administrator to sign the agreement.

Motion by Commissioner Saalfeld, seconded by Commissioner Koorndyk, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Vonk, Antor, Morgan, Rolls, Wawee, Ponstein, Voorhees, Hirsch, Saalfeld, Mast, Vander Molen, Hennessy, Bulkowski, Talen, Chivis, Koorndyk, Shroll, Chair Parrish – 18.

Nays: 0.

11-03-11-98 – COLLABORATIVE PARKS STUDY FUNDING / PARKS

WHEREAS, in January 2011, the Legislative Subcommittee on Parks presented a recommendation that *the County partner with its local units and community stakeholders to jointly fund and conduct a detailed collaborative services study of parks and recreational systems*. Since that time, a Citizens Committee was established by Board Chair Parrish in May. Nominations for the Citizens Committee were sought from all municipalities and the Citizens Committee was formally appointed in July and held a first meeting in August 2011; and

WHEREAS, to support the work of the Citizens Committee, staff began the process to secure funding for the study. To date, the County has secured a total of \$75,000 to fund Phase I of the Study (\$25,000 Grand Rapids Community Foundation; \$25,000 Dyer-Ives Foundation; \$15,000 Frey Foundation; and \$10,000 Kent County); and

WHEREAS, on October 10, 2011, the Citizens Committee selected the firm of Laycock Consulting to perform the multi-jurisdictional study at a cost of \$83,240. Laycock's firm has assembled a qualified team of professionals that have experience with extensive parks and recreation and collaboration studies; and

WHEREAS, the cities of Grand Rapids and Wyoming have agreed to contribute \$5,000 and \$3,240 respectively.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners accepts \$5,000 from the City of Grand Rapids, and \$3,240 from the City of Wyoming to support the implementation of a multi-jurisdictional parks and recreation study.

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

11-03-11-99 – RENEWAL OF KENT TRAILS INTERLOCAL MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT / PARKS

WHEREAS, since 1991, Byron Township, Kent County, Grand Rapids, Grandville, Walker, and Wyoming have been collaboratively managing the 15-mile Kent Trails through a 20-year Interlocal Agreement. This agreement provides for shared expenses between the partners at fixed percentages with Kent County performing the actual management services for the trail; and

WHEREAS, this successful management partnership between six municipalities has served as a reference statewide for developing collaborative management strategies for cross-jurisdictional recreational trails; and

WHEREAS, the Kent Trails Interlocal Agreement is due for updating and renewal in 2011. Representatives of the partner agencies have approved revisions to the new agreement and are in the process of submitting the agreement to their respective governing bodies for approval; and

WHEREAS, the primary change to the agreement relates to funding allocations between the partners, which have been adjusted to reflect changing demographics in the region. In addition, annual total contributions toward the Kent Trails Reconstruction fund (used for major reconstruction projects) have been increased to ensure adequate local match is available for future grant-seeking; and

WHEREAS, the project supports the County's long range plans for regional trail development and management and for collaboration among municipalities; and

WHEREAS, Corporate Counsel has approved the agreement as to form.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves an agreement with Byron Township, Grand Rapids, Grandville, Walker, and Wyoming for the purpose of collaboratively funding the management, operations, and future reconstruction of Kent Trails with an estimated annual cost of \$20,000 for 2011 to 2020 and \$25,000 for 2021 to 2030; funds for 2011 are available in the Parks Department budget and funds for 2012 have been included in the 2012 recommended Budget.

Motion by Commissioner Saalfeld, seconded by Commissioner Koorndyk, to call the question.

Motion carried by voice vote.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Vonk, Antor, Morgan, Rolls, Wawee, Voorhees, Hirsch, Saalfeld, Mast, Vander Molen, Hennessy, Bulkowski, Chivis, Koorndyk, Shroll, Chair Parrish – 16.

Nays: Ponstein, Talen - 2.

## REPORTS

### Collaboration/Cooperation Subcommittee

Commissioner Koorndyk: Thanked Commissioners for passing Resolution 94 that will help with the funding of a study from the Upjohn Institute in regards to economic impact. The next Committee meeting will be November 15<sup>th</sup>.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Alpaca Show and Restaurant Week

Commissioner Rolls: Attended the Alpaca Show this past weekend. Alpacas are a new part of the agricultural diversity of the State. Also, he announced that Restaurant Week begins today (November 3-13). This year there are approximately 70 restaurants to choose from and he encouraged everyone to participate.

### 2012 Budget

Commissioner Morgan: Appreciates the hard work department heads and their staff put into the budget. Budgets are not getting any easier.

### Sports Commission Luncheon

Commissioner Vander Molen: Commissioners were invited to the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual West Michigan Sports Commission luncheon on Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>.

### Jack Boelema

Chair Parrish: Our thoughts are with Commissioner Boelema during his recovery from surgery.

## ADJOURNMENT

At 9:30 a.m., Commissioner Vonk moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, November 17, 2011, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 8:30 a.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Koorndyk. Motion carried.





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Sandi Frost Parrish, Chair



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Mary Hollinsake, County Clerk

# PROCEEDINGS

of the  
**Kent County Board of Commissioners**  
**November 3, 2011 – Work Session**

Meeting called to order at 9:37 a.m. by Chair Sandi Frost Parrish.

Present: Commissioners Antor, Chivis, Hennessy, Hirsch, Koorndyk, Mast, Morgan, Ponstein, Rolls, Shroll, Talen, Vander Molen, Vonk, Voorhees, Wawee, Chair Parrish - 16.

Absent: Boeema, Bulkowski, Saalfeld – 3 (Excused).

## Q & A

Chair Parrish asked Commissioners if they had any questions or comments on the proposed 2012 budget.

**Com Hirsch:** Appreciates staff and thinks the County is fortunate to have such capable people putting the budget together.

**Chair Parrish:** It is not just the work that was done this year, but over the last 5 years knowing that we were going to have trouble when we got to year five. Also, the Board is to be commended from a policy making standpoint; the board put in place strong policies that have helped with our fiscal responsibility. The staff has done an amazing job of living within the parameters and within our needs. Everyone has collectively done a good job to get to this point.

**Com Voorhees:** Echoed Chair Parrish's remarks. We need to be looking ahead. There are some major revenue changes that are on the horizon and none may be bigger than the personal property tax issue. He, along with Administrator Delabbio, met with the Lt. Governor for input and insight regarding the property tax issue. Looking at what our obligations are and the uncertainty of our revenue stream, we better be very concerned about what we do with any kind of balance that we have, as we go forward. The Board has been very diligent to the task of the financial integrity of this county and we need the same going forward.

**Com Mast:** Raised the question about the fund balance and the policy, set earlier this year, requiring 40% of the annual budget be set aside for reserves. How do I explain to constituents that we have a policy but next years budget will set aside 41.5% of the projected spending (\$2 million)? I agree totally with the comments on reduced revenue sharing and the potential elimination of personal property tax and that is why we set it at 40%, but now we are saying we need 41.5% - it is hard to defend.

**Chair Parrish:** We are at 41.5% partly because of the swings in interest rates and all kinds of other factors. I don't think, from a governmental standpoint, we should spend money just because we have it. We need to continue to be balanced in our approach and we are probably going to fluctuate between 39 to 41% based on whether personal property tax and interest rates stay where they are and whether monies come in from revenue sharing. It is a matter of being sure that we are conservative in how we approach our fiscal

responsibility. I don't think we should set it higher just because that is where the balance is today. From a policy standpoint, we need to make sure that we are over 40%.

**Com Talen:** I hope we don't get paralyzed by the focus on the 40% or 41%, preserving fund balance, or by the same kinds of rhetoric that I've heard for three years now that the "sky is falling." First, it was revenue sharing, and again its revenue sharing and fears that the personal property tax might be eliminated. It is these things that I worry keep us from being innovative, cutting edge, and taking some risk. It feels like there is a potential, with that kind of constant discussion and rhetoric, to pull us into a cocoon and not invest in programs that are going to save money down the road. We aren't looking at things to reduce recidivism at the jail, or prevent kids from going into juvenile detention. Although, we do have some of those things going on now, I'm sure that there is much more that we can do.

**Com Rolls:** We are fiscally responsible, fiscally conservative and prudent and we look forward recognizing the potential holes that could be there and plan for those. This is the reason why we still have a AAA bond rating. All we are doing is being proactive. Innovative and cutting edge is what our department heads and our teams are doing. Some of that innovation and cutting edge shows up in our budget but everybody glosses over it. The industry trend in health insurance increase is 12-14%. It doesn't matter where you are, how big or little you are. We are \$200,000 back from where we were last year that is a \$1.6 million swing that we are dealing with today because we have innovative/cutting edge collaborative people that are doing a great job of finding new ways. We are \$900,000 up on our tax revenue coming out of our hotel/motel tax which didn't happen by accident = CVB, sports commission and private entrepreneurs like ArtPrize putting dollars in our coffers and it is very exciting to see and we need to celebrate those victories. And lastly, we need to make sure that the people who are being innovative and cutting edge are taken care of. As Commissioner Koorndyk pointed out regarding the MPP, there is something inherently defective about line staff making more money than the supervisors. We've got to pay very close attention to the MPP plan and make sure we don't lose good people/supervisors. Somehow we need to balance that out by either slowing down the dollars on the union side or increasing on the MPP side.

**Com Koorndyk:** Thanked Commissioner Voorhees for his leadership on the Finance Committee for the last 10 months. Also, thanked Administrator Delabbio and his staff, for the great job they've done. Times are hard. People are still losing houses and jobs. The public expects us to be as prudent with their dollars as they are. We can't spend money that we don't have. I think it is important that we all understand that the more conservative we are the benefit and the payoff is going to be huge down the road because we don't know what the state is going to do, we don't know how personal property tax will be changed which might lose us another \$5, \$10 million in funding. We need to work closely with the state and everyone here stay in contact with their state legislators and talk to them about what is going on. We have 19 people responsible for this budget and we need to all compromise and make sure we have the best possible budget going forward.

**Com Morgan:** I don't think that we are in a cocoon, we're not afraid and I don't think that we think that the "sky is falling." We've been laying out a plan for the last ten years and started talking about the depletion of revenue sharing 8 years ago. This is a culmination of planning. We are in a different category than 99% of the other governments that spend all their money and try to figure out who to blame for their fiscal irresponsibility.

**Com Antor:** The sky IS falling. Maybe not here in Kent County but look nationally and the sky is falling, there is no question. You go anywhere in this country and talk to people and they'll say the sky is falling. Are we going to react like the federal government or react differently? Are we going to spend recklessly like the federal government that has basically bought their way into this mess? No, we are different from the federal government and we have to be and if that means being a little bit scared then I am all for it. I do agree with Com. Talen that there are some things that we can do proactively where we look out into the future so we can address some of the things that got us here in the first place. Absolutely convinced that we do have some severe problems, but we address them differently in Kent County and I am very thankful.

**Chair Parrish:** Would like to echo the comments about the work sessions earlier in the year with regard to the mandatory and non-mandatory services. As a five-year commissioner, you think you know and have an understanding of the budget but I would say that this year I have gained the best understanding and learned a lot.

**Com Wawee:** Being new as an elected official, coming from private industry, it is refreshing but it is a little bit of surprise as to how proactive the board and staff are when it comes to a lot of these issues. It is a testament to the vision, the mind set and the long term goal of what Kent County is all about and it starts right at the top with Daryl and comes all the way down. I feel blessed and honored to be a part of this board and work with the people around me and I just want to say kudos to everyone.

**Com Ponstein:** A couple of concerns about process: In the past, there hasn't been much support to change the board to a Committee of the Whole without much support. Can the Executive Committee look at having the Finance & Legislative Committees meet on the same day? This would make it easier for individuals who have time constraints be able to attend both beneficial committee meetings.

A subcommittee was formed to look at millage questions and one of the things looked at was veterans' affairs. A lot of thought and information went into this and before that proposal could even see the light of day, it was cut by a Finance Committee amendment to fund the veterans' affairs office out of the General Fund. Unfortunately, the facts that the committee got were never even discussed at the Finance Committee meeting. Kent County has 36,000 veterans to whom \$169,000 is allocated yearly. Washtenaw County has half the population of veterans and spends almost \$900,000 on their veterans' affairs office. The federal government has turned its back on them and turned that responsibility over to the State. The State gave us an opt-out by saying we have the right to allocate a millage to fund our veterans' affairs office. Then it would not be a responsibility of the General Fund of Kent County, but a responsibility of the people. We should not be haggling every year over money for veterans. Veterans give the ultimate price and deserve more than that. For this county to fund at the level we do is shameful when compared to other counties within the state.

**Com Voorhees:** I don't think we are being disgraceful with our veterans. I don't get calls on veterans needs and to try and say whether or not we are meeting the needs of our veterans depends upon not just dollars. Determine their needs and then determine if we are meeting their needs. We look at unemployment rates in other counties – we have a more prosperous area here in West Michigan. Let's determine our service level on meeting needs.

**Chair Parrish:** The budget is a reflection of 19 people. I think if each of us had a pen and paper we would chop it up in a different way. The budget, at the end of the day, is a series of compromises by all of us in order to get to an end result.

**Com Hirsch:** Veteran's needs is an important issue to me having family who have served in Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan. There is a tremendous need and half of the homeless population in Kent County are veterans. Just because they're not calling doesn't mean there is not a need. Unfortunately, we live in a society where money solves a lot of problems and whether its food or a warm place to sleep I agree with Commissioner Ponstein that in the future this board could and should do better.

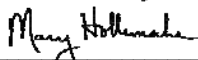
**Com Hennessy:** We watch the state funds and the unpredictability. Tuesday we talked about funding NACo and I am content with the decision that has been made. That unpredictability of funding and support is also hitting us from the federal level and it is worthy of our letters and attention. While we may not have dollars to push behind it there are other ways in which we could focus in keeping ourselves in a good position when it comes to what the federal government hands us.

#### ADJOURNMENT

At 10:04 a.m., Chair Parrish adjourned the work session.



Sandi Frost Parrish, Chair



Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk

# PROCEEDINGS

of the

## Kent County Board of Commissioners November 17, 2011 – Regular Meeting

Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chair Sandi Frost Parrish.

Present: Commissioners Antor, Bulkowski, Chivis, Hennessy, Hirsch, Koorndyk, Mast, Morgan, Ponstein, Rolls, Saalfeld, Shroll, Talen, Vander Molen, Vonk, Voorhees, Wawee, Chair Parrish - 18.

Absent: Boelema – 1 (Excused).

Invocation: Commissioner Morgan introduced Doug Sporte, Deputy Drain Commissioner, who gave the invocation.  
The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

### SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

#### Annual Employee Service Recognition

Chair Parrish presented the following employees with service awards:

<b>Department</b>	<b>Service Employee</b>	<b>Years of Service</b>
Circuit Court	Michelle Vidro	25
Friend of the Court	JoAnn Madsen	25
Juvenile Detention	Jacquelyn Kraai	40
Information Technology	Steven Watson	25
63 <sup>rd</sup> District Court	Deborah McIntyre	25
Central Services	Scott Smalley	25
Health Department	Erin Lammers	25
Prosecutor's Office	Bill Forsyth	35
Public Works	Bill Allen Mark Herrington	30 25
Sheriff's Department	Timothy Hanrahan Edmund Zadvinskis	30 30

### PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Rebecca Rynbrandt, City of Wyoming, 1155 28<sup>th</sup> Street SW – Thanked Commissioners for their support of Resolution 11-17-11-107 and the opportunity for the City of Wyoming to collaborate with the County.

2. Chuck Cox, CEO of Northern Air and Northern Jet Management (headquartered at the Gerald R. Ford International Airport) – On May 25, 2011, the Aeronautics Board voted to allow Executive Air to build a fix-based operation in an area that the master plan currently designates for use by private corporate hangars not commercial operations. Northern Air has filed a Part 16 complaint with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) since the Airport would not discuss this matter and they believe this to be unjustified discriminatory conduct.

3. Paul Heuler, 231 W. Fulton, President of Rapid Air – Supports Chuck Cox. He pitches Grand Rapids area to outsiders by saying that one can rely on the legal process in West Michigan.

4. Steve Maas, 3510 Apache, Grandville, Co-Owner of Rapid Air – He also supports the Mr. Cox and Mr. Heuler.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of November 3, 2011 Meeting and Work Session
- b) November 1, 2011, Finance Committee Meeting Minutes  
(Reports of Claims and Allowances)
- c) Resolution:

#### 11-17-11-100 – APPROVAL OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND BUDGETING CONTRACT (CPBC) FOR FY 2012 / HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Planning and Budgeting Contract (CPBC) is an annual agreement between the State and the County to provide certain required Public Health services including immunizations, infectious and sexually transmitted disease control, hearing and vision screening, food protection, drinking water and on-site sewage monitoring, as well as several other state-funded programs; and

WHEREAS, funding for CPBC activities has decreased by approximately \$570,000 in FY 2012. FY 2011 included funding for H1N1 (\$105,000) activities and ARRA immunization (\$60,000) services that are no longer available in FY 2012. In addition, sexually transmitted infection laboratory services will be preformed at the State of Michigan laboratory instead of in Kent County resulting in the elimination of \$160,000 in laboratory funding. Also, funding for the Emergency Preparedness program, HIV/AIDS program, and Essential Local Public Health Services was reduced in FY 2012 by \$80,000, \$95,000, and \$70,000, respectively; and

WHEREAS, revenues and expenses related to the CPBC agreement were used to prepare the Health Department's 2012 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approve the Health Department's Comprehensive Planning and Budgeting Contract for FY 2012.

#### 11-17-11-101 – BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR M-6 TRAIL CIP PROJECT / PARKS

WHEREAS, construction of the Fred Meijer M-6 Trail has been substantially completed, resulting in more than seven miles of new trail along the M-6 corridor with sidewalk connections along Division Ave and 68<sup>th</sup> St. The current phase of the project is to develop a trail bridge to provide safe passage across Division Ave, at an estimated cost of \$557,500; and

WHEREAS, a \$100,000 grant has been awarded by the Grand Rapids Community Foundation to support development of the bridge; and

WHEREAS, construction of the Division Ave bridge will be funded in part by \$357,780 in Federal Transportation funds available for the project through the Kent County Road Commission via an agreement previously approved by the Board (12-14-06-145). The remaining \$199,720 will be provided by funds available in the M-6 Trail CIP account, including the current appropriation request.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners accept and appropriate \$100,000 from the Grand Rapids Community Foundation to the M-6 Trail Project in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund to support the design and construction of a bridge over Division Ave on the Fred Meijer M-6 Trail.

11-17-11-102 – ACQUIRE EASEMENT FOR THE MUSKETAWA / WHITE PINE TRAIL CONNECTOR PROJECT FROM BENNETT BROTHERS PROPERTIES, LLC / PARKS

WHEREAS, in October 2008, the Board of Commissioners approved the Musketawa/White Pine Trail Connector Capital Improvement Program project; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the trail requires an easement across property owned by Bennett Brothers Properties, LLC at 555 Three Mile Road NW, Walker (PPN 41-13-01-376-002); and

WHEREAS, Bennett Brothers Properties, LLC has agreed to donate the easement to the County for the project; and

WHEREAS, Assistant Corporate Counsel has reviewed and approved the document as to form.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners accepts a donation of an easement for the Musketawa/White Pine Trail connector from Bennett Brothers Properties, LLC; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Board of Commissioners Chair, or her designee, is authorized to sign all documents required by this resolution in a form approved by Corporate Counsel.

11-17-11-103 – ACQUIRE EASEMENT FOR THE MUSKETAWA / WHITE PINE TRAIL CONNECTOR PROJECT FROM HILLCREST CENTER II, LLC / PARKS

WHEREAS, in October 2008, the Board of Commissioners approved the Musketawa/White Pine Trail Connector Capital Improvement Program project; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the trail requires an easement across property owned by Hillcrest Center II, LLC at 588 Three Mile Road NW, Walker (PPN 41-13-12-126-021); and

WHEREAS, the value was determined by using the assessed value of the property; and

WHEREAS, Assistant Corporate Counsel has reviewed and approved the document as to form.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners recommends the acquisition of an easement for the Musketawa/White Pine Trail connector from Hillcrest Center II, LLC at a cost of \$3,073; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners Chair, or her designee, is authorized to sign all documents required by this resolution in a form approved by Corporate Counsel.

11-17-11-104 – ACQUIRE EASEMENT FOR THE MUSKETAWA / WHITE



PINE TRAIL CONNECTOR PROJECT FROM HILLSIDE  
DRIVE LAND COMPANY, LLC / PARKS

WHEREAS, in October 2008, the Board of Commissioners approved the Musketawa/White Pine Trail Connector Capital Improvement Program project; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the trail requires an easement across property owned by Hillside Drive Land Company, LLC at 2756 Hillside Drive, NW, Walker (PPN 41-13-12-201-004); and

WHEREAS, the value was determined by using the assessed value of the property; and

WHEREAS, Assistant Corporate Counsel has reviewed and approved the document as to form.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners recommends the acquisition of an easement for the Musketawa/White Pine Trail connector from Hillside Drive NW, LLC at a cost of \$1,104; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners Chair, or her designee, is authorized to sign all documents required by this resolution in a form approved by Corporate Counsel.

Motion by Commissioner Morgan, seconded by Commissioner Bulkowski, that the Consent Agenda items be approved.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Shroll, Koorndyk, Chivis, Talen, Bulkowski, Hennessy, Vander Molen, Mast, Saalfeld, Hirsch, Voorhees, Ponstein, Wawee, Rolls, Morgan, Antor, Vonk, Chair Parrish – 18.

Nays: 0.

RESOLUTIONS

11-17-11-105 – SENIOR MILLAGE ALLOCATIONS FOR 2012 /  
ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan, Inc. (AAAWM) holds three-year contracts with 30 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 2011, the Kent County Senior Millage Review Committee reviewed 2012 funding requests and made recommendations regarding funding for each service. These recommendations were forwarded to the AAAWM Executive Committee on October 24, 2011, 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, prescription assistance, flu and pneumonia vaccinations, and emergency needs funding to seniors through purchase of service arrangements. Amounts to be allocated through this process have been included on the bid tabulation and recommendation sheet.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approves the allocation of \$6,408,286 in Senior Millage funds for 2012 as recommended by the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan, Inc and to authorize the Board Chair or County Administrator to sign the agreement with AAAWM to administer the Senior Millage funds.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Shroll, Koorndyk, Chivis, Talen, Hennessy, Vander Molen, Mast, Saalfeld, Hirsch, Voorhees, Ponstein, Wawee, Rolls, Morgan, Antor, Vonk, – 16.

Nays: 0.

Abstain: Bulkowski, Chair Parrish - 2.

11-17-11-106 – 2012 GENERAL APPROPRIATION ACT / ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, this resolution shall be known as the FY 2012 General Appropriation Act; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to State law, notice of a public hearing on the proposed budget was published in a newspaper of general circulation on October 19, 2011, and a public hearing on the proposed budget was held on November 3, 2011; 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 Board of Commissioners will authorize in May 2012, 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 allocated the equivalent of 0.20 mills of the general property tax levy to the CIP Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Kent County Finance and Physical Resources Committee has reviewed the recommended 2012 Budget in detail; and

WHEREAS, estimated total revenues and appropriations for the various funds are recommended as follows:

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Sources</b>		<b>Appropriation</b>
	<b>Revenues</b>	<b>Reserves</b>	
General Fund	\$160,489,542	\$ -	\$160,489,542
Special Revenue Funds	39,635,008	634,666	40,269,674
Capital Project Funds	3,900,128	-	3,900,128
Internal Service Fund	20,465,100	1,835,129	22,300,229
Debt Service Funds	2,119,055	-	2,119,055
Component Unit Funds	36,111,474	-	36,111,474
Proprietary Funds	49,211,360	842,000	50,053,360
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$311,931,667</b>	<b>\$3,311,795</b>	<b>\$315,243,462</b>

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the FY 2012 Appropriation Act as the official budget for FY 2012; 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 2012 budgets for the various governmental funds by department or activity as follows:

**2012 General Appropriations Act  
County of Kent, Michigan**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>Memorandum</b>	<b>Total</b>
Taxes	\$ 83,551,225	\$ -	\$ 83,551,225
Licenses & Permits	97,860	-	97,860
Intergovernmental	19,556,495	-	19,556,495
Charges for Services	18,301,322	-	18,301,322
Fines & Forfeitures	115,160	-	115,160
Investment Earnings	842,100	-	842,100
Reimbursements	12,993,248	-	12,993,248
Other	4,730,132	-	4,730,132
Transfers In	20,302,000	-	20,302,000
<b>Total Estimated Revenues</b>	<b>160,489,542</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>160,489,542</b>
Fund Balance Usage (Deposit)	-	-	-
<b>Total Estimated Revenues &amp; Other Sources</b>	<b>\$160,489,542</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$160,489,542</b>
Circuit Court	\$ 16,045,701	\$ -	\$ 16,045,701
Clerk/Register of Deeds	3,289,340	-	3,289,340
District Court	2,780,533	-	2,780,533
Drain Commission	585,401	-	585,401
Facilities Management	14,365,332	-	14,365,332
Fiscal Services	3,333,398	-	3,333,398
Information Technology	4,932,786	-	4,932,786
Policy/Administration	3,913,237	-	3,913,237
Sheriff's Department	59,387,609	-	59,387,609
Treasurer's Office	1,071,940	-	1,071,940
Parks Department	3,860,223	-	3,860,223
Probate Court – Mental & Estate Division	1,288,382	-	1,288,382
Probation	49,632	-	49,632
Intergovernmental	4,762,429	-	4,762,429
DHS Social Welfare	614,813	-	614,813
Bureau of Equalization	1,406,219	-	1,406,219
Human Resources	1,753,011	-	1,753,011
Prosecutor's – Criminal/Juvenile	5,921,240	-	5,921,240
Cooperative Extension Service	480,000	-	480,000
Medical Examiner	1,165,130	-	1,165,130
Veterans' Affairs Department	262,133	-	262,133
John Ball Zoological Gardens	4,133,560	-	4,133,560
Transfers Out	31,857,493	-	31,857,493
<b>Total Appropriations before Lapse</b>	<b>166,989,542</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>166,989,542</b>
Estimated Appropriation Lapse	(6,500,000)	-	(6,500,000)
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>\$160,489,542</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$160,489,542</b>

**2012 General Appropriations Act  
County of Kent, Michigan**

<b>SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>Memorandum*</b>	<b>Total Appropriation</b>
Taxes	\$27,960,349	\$ -	\$ 27,960,349
Licenses & Permits	70,000	1,622,718	1,692,718
Intergovernmental	2,308,354	37,856,671	40,165,025
Charges for Services	5,075,500	2,099,652	7,175,152
Fines & Forfeitures	495,146	204,191	699,337
Investment Earnings	125,600	-	125,600
Reimbursements	2,083,411	4,929,135	7,012,546
Other	260,148	561,698	821,846
Transfers In	1,256,500	25,640,113	26,896,613
<b>Total Estimated Revenues</b>	<b>39,635,008</b>	<b>72,911,178</b>	<b>112,546,186</b>
Fund Balance Usage (Deposit)	634,666	4,106	638,772
<b>Total Estimated Revenues &amp; Other Sources</b>	<b>\$40,269,674</b>	<b>\$72,915,284</b>	<b>\$113,184,958</b>
Fire Commission	\$ 253,304	\$ -	\$ 253,304
Friend of the Court	-	8,783,765	8,783,765
Health Department	-	24,118,635	24,118,635
Lodging Excise Tax	6,984,756	-	6,984,756
Correction & Detention Millage	16,151,618	-	16,151,618
Senior Millage	6,691,118	-	6,691,118
Register of Deeds Automation Fund	539,994	-	539,994
Central Dispatch Collection	4,375,000	-	4,375,000
Drug Law Enforcement Fund	271,663	-	271,663
Community Development / Shelter Plus Care	-	3,589,129	3,589,129
Child Care	-	20,450,534	20,450,534
DHS Social Welfare / DHS Child Care	1,720,000	11,942,319	13,662,319
Veteran's Trust	-	105,000	105,000
Parks – Kent Trails	2,000	-	2,000
SP – Circuit Court Com Corrections Admin	-	1,013,643	1,013,643
SP – Circuit Court Com Corrections Grant	-	249,275	249,275
SP – Circuit Court Family Counseling	70,000	-	70,000
SP – Circuit Court JABG	-	50,058	50,058
SP – Circuit Court Juv Accountability Donations	-	6,606	6,606
SP – Drain Commission Special Assessment	76,862	-	76,862

SP – FM Fallasburg Dam	4,000	-	4,000
SP – Cooperative Extension Ag Preservation	429,286	-	429,286
SP – FOC Access & Visitation Grant	-	15,000	15,000
SP – FOC REACH Grant	-	162,388	162,388
SP – Prosecutor's Cooperative Reimbursement	-	1,804,990	1,804,990
SP – Remonumentation Program	196,702	-	196,702
SP – Courthouse Security	1,265,880	-	1,265,880
SP – Sheriff 82 Ionia Security	227,506	-	227,506
SP – Sheriff District Court Security	187,189	-	187,189
SP – Sheriff Park Security	117,184	-	117,184
SP – Sheriff Drug Enforcement	-	109,595	109,595
SP – Sheriff Gifts DARE	5,000	-	5,000
SP – Sheriff Gifts Jail	199,800	-	199,800
SP – Sheriff Gifts Honor Camp	128,500	-	128,500
SP – Sheriff Local Correction Officers Train	291,312	-	291,312
SP – Sheriff Michigan Dispatch Training	45,000	-	45,000
SP – Sheriff Michigan Justice Training	36,000	-	36,000
SP – Sheriff Secondary Road Patrol	-	514,347	514,347
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>\$40,269,674</b>	<b>\$72,915,284</b>	<b>\$113,184,958</b>

\*These Memorandum Budgets were previously appropriated by the Kent County Board of Commissioners via resolutions 06-23-11-44, 06-23-11-46, 06-23-11-56, 06-23-11-57, and 09-22-11-80.

**2012 General Appropriations Act  
County of Kent, Michigan**

<b>CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS</b>	<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>Memorandum</b>	<b>Total Appropriation</b>
Transfer In	\$3,900,128	-	\$3,900,128
<b>Total Estimated Revenues</b>	<b>3,900,128</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,900,128</b>
Fund Balance Usage (Deposit)	-	-	-
<b>Total Estimated Revenues &amp; Other Sources</b>	<b>\$3,900,128</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$3,900,128</b>

Capital Improvement Program	\$3,900,128	\$ -	\$3,900,128
Building Authority Construction	-	-	-
Bond Capital Improvement	-	-	-
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>\$3,900,128</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$3,900,128</b>
<b>INTERNAL SERVICE FUND</b>	<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>Memorandum</b>	<b>Total Appropriation</b>
Charges for Services	\$ 1,111,000	\$ -	\$ 1,111,000
Investment Earnings	72,700	-	72,700
Reimbursements	19,251,400	-	19,251,400
Other	30,000	-	30,000
<b>Total Estimated Revenues</b>	<b>20,465,100</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,465,100</b>
Fund Balance Usage (Deposit)	1,835,129	-	1,835,129
<b>Total Estimated Revenues &amp; Other Sources</b>	<b>\$22,300,229</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$22,300,229</b>
<b>Appropriations</b>			
Risk Management	\$22,300,229	\$ -	\$22,300,229
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>\$22,300,229</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$22,300,229</b>
<b>DEBT SERVICE FUNDS</b>	<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>Memorandum*</b>	<b>Total Appropriation</b>
Intergovernmental	\$ -	\$ 770,006	\$ 770,006
Other	-	8,114,125	8,114,125
Transfers In	2,119,055	-	2,119,055
<b>Total Estimated Revenues</b>	<b>2,119,055</b>	<b>8,884,131</b>	<b>11,003,186</b>
Fund Balance Usage (Deposit)	-	-	-
<b>Total Estimated Revenues &amp; Other Sources</b>	<b>\$2,119,055</b>	<b>\$8,884,131</b>	<b>\$11,003,186</b>
Building Authority Debt Service Fund	\$ -	\$8,884,131	\$8,884,131
Debt Service Fund	2,119,055	-	2,119,055
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>\$2,119,055</b>	<b>\$8,884,131</b>	<b>\$11,003,186</b>

\*The Building Authority Debt Service Memorandum Budget was previously appropriated by the Kent County Building Authority.

**2012 General Appropriations Act  
County of Kent, Michigan**

<b>COMPONENT UNIT FUNDS</b>	<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>Memorandum*</b>	<b>Total Appropriation</b>
Intergovernmental	\$ 646,375	\$ 3,239,438	\$ 3,885,813
Charges for Services	31,011,538	-	31,011,538
Investment Earnings	538,145	-	538,145
Other	3,915,416	-	3,915,416
<b>Total Estimated Revenues</b>	<b>36,111,474</b>	<b>3,239,438</b>	<b>39,350,912</b>
Fund Balance Usage (Deposit)	-	-	-
<b>Total Estimated Revenues &amp; Other Sources</b>	<b>\$36,111,474</b>	<b>\$ 3,239,438</b>	<b>\$39,350,912</b>
Housing Commission	\$ -	\$ 3,239,438	\$ 3,239,438
Public Works	36,111,474	-	36,111,474
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>\$36,111,474</b>	<b>\$ 3,239,438</b>	<b>\$39,350,912</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.

<b>PROPRIETARY FUNDS</b>	<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>Memorandum</b>	<b>Total Appropriation</b>
Taxes	\$ 4,711,000	\$ -	\$ 4,711,000
Intergovernmental	4,700,000	-	4,700,000
Charges for Services	25,028,876	-	25,028,876
Fines & Forfeitures	5,000	-	5,000
Investment Earnings	478,700	-	478,700
Reimbursements	160,000	-	160,000
Other	14,127,784	-	14,127,784
<b>Total Estimated Revenues</b>	<b>49,211,360</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>49,211,360</b>
Fund Balance Usage (Deposit)	842,000	-	842,000
<b>Total Estimated Revenues &amp; Other Sources</b>	<b>\$50,053,360</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$50,053,360</b>
Aeronautics	\$43,385,660	\$ -	\$43,385,660
Delinquent Tax Fund	6,667,700	-	6,667,700
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>\$50,053,360</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$50,053,360</b>

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 this resolution supersedes all previous resolutions related to the General Fund and Lodging Excise Tax Fund appropriations and/or commitments; 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 Morgan, seconded by Commissioner Saalfeld, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Shroll, Koorndyk, Chivis, Talen, Bulkowski, Hennessy, Vander Molen, Mast, Saalfeld,

Hirsch, Voorhees, Ponstein, Wawee, Rolls, Morgan, Antor, Vonk, Chair Parrish – 18.

Nays: 0.

11-17-11-107 – MONITORING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF WYOMING / COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, Federal law requires Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) grantees to monitor sub recipient activities and programs to assure compliance with applicable Federal requirements and performance goals. The City of Wyoming has requested that the Community Development Department monitor its three CDBG funded non-profit agencies: Fair Housing Center of West Michigan, Home Repair Services of Kent County, and Compassion This Way, for the period July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012; and

WHEREAS, benefits to the City include timely, accurate, and HUD compliant sub recipient monitoring that would not otherwise be possible with their existing staffing levels. Benefits to the County include cost sharing of required monitoring procedures; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Agreement outlines the scope of work and the responsibilities of the two parties. While the County will perform the City of Wyoming's monitoring services, the City will continue to remain accountable for the overall administration and HUD compliance; and

WHEREAS, all costs associated with the monitoring function estimated to not exceed \$2,000 will be paid by City of Wyoming. The Agreement has the potential to be renewed on a yearly basis; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement has been reviewed and approved as to form by Assistant Corporate Counsel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Board of Commissioners approves the Monitoring Services Agreement between Kent



County Community Development Department and City of Wyoming, authorizes the Board Chair and/or County Administrator to sign the Agreement, and appropriates \$2,000 to Community Development's 2012 budget.

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

11-17-11-108 – EXTENSION SERVICES AGREEMENT AND 2012 ANNUAL  
WORK PLAN / KENT / MSU EXTENSION

WHEREAS, since 1912, Michigan State University has partnered with counties throughout Michigan to provide extension services. The exact services to be delivered and funded have been formalized in various Memorandums of Agreement; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, MSUE began the process of standardizing the services they offer as well as the manner in which they negotiated with counties for specific services. Under the new format, Counties are asked to enter into a five-year agreement with annual work plans which will be developed concurrently with the County budget; and

WHEREAS, under the terms of the new agreement, counties will pay a standardized assessment based on a formula which includes a base amount and population-based formula. Kent County's 2012 assessment is \$211,787. In exchange, for this amount, MSUE will provide 4-H Programming with staffing levels based on per capita formula developed by MSU; operating expenses (supplies, training, postage copies, etc.) for 4-H and other educators assigned to or serving Kent County; access to all MSU-paid educators; supervision of educators assigned to or serving in the County, as well as County-provided clerical, and annual reporting; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the assessment, the new agreement provides that the County continue to provide office space, utilities, landlines, and internet connectivity, as well as least one (1) administrative clerical staff person and associated operating expenses. Counties may also contract with MSUE for additional programming according to a standardized fee schedule; and

WHEREAS, the 2012 work plan and associated budget includes a total of 2 FTE additional clerical support, and .5 FTE 4-H clerical for which MSU provided a credit of \$20,418 toward the assessment; a 50 percent FTE Educator for the PDR Program and 45 percent FTE Educator for the Master Gardener Program, and associated expenses (mileage, printing, etc.); and

WHEREAS, Assistant Corporate Counsel has reviewed and approved the document as to form.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves the Memorandum of Agreement with Michigan State University Extension for Extension Services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners Chair, or her designee, is authorized to sign all documents required by this resolution in a form approved by Corporate Counsel.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Shroll, Koorndyk, Chivis, Talen, Bulkowski, Hennessy, Vander Molen, Mast, Saalfeld, Hirsch, Voorhees, Ponstein, Wawee, Rolls, Morgan, Antor, Vonk, Chair Parrish – 18.

Nays: 0.

11-17-11-109 – APPOINTMENT OF FULL - TIME ATTORNEY MAGISTRATE  
/ 63<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT COURT

WHEREAS, State Statute MCLA 600.8501 states: (1) ... In districts of the first and second class, the county board of commissioners shall provide for at least 1 magistrate when recommended by the judges of the district. Additional magistrates may be provided by the board upon recommendation of the judges. All magistrates provided for shall be appointed by the judges of the district and the appointments shall be subject to approval by the county board of commissioners before a person assumes the duties of the office of magistrate; and

WHEREAS, two vacant part-time Magistrate positions are available to convert into one full-time Attorney Magistrate position. A full-time position will allow for standardized scheduling of court proceedings; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Judge of the 63<sup>rd</sup> District Court requests a full-time Attorney Magistrate and recommends to the Board of Commissioners the appointment of Michael J. Milroy as an Attorney Magistrate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves the conversion of two vacant part-time Magistrate positions at 63<sup>rd</sup> District Court into one full-time Attorney Magistrate position; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby appoints Michael J. Milroy as an Attorney Magistrate

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Shroll, Koorndyk, Chivis, Talen, Bulkowski, Hennessy, Vander Molen, Mast, Saalfeld, Hirsch, Voorhees, Ponstein, Wawee, Rolls, Morgan, Antor, Vonk, Chair Parrish – 18.

Nays: 0.

### REPORTS

#### Collaboration/Cooperation Subcommittee

Commissioner Koordnyk: They have filled three new appointments and will begin work on January 12, 2012.

#### Septic Subcommittee

Commissioner Antor: The Septic Subcommittee should have a report ready in a couple of weeks.

#### Downtown Development Authority

Commissioner Talen: Executive Director Jay Fowler is retiring from the DDA in February. A national search will be done to find his replacement.

### MISCELLANEOUS

#### Detroit

Commissioner Morgan: Heard on the news this morning that the City of Detroit should be out of money by June 2012.

#### Calvin Christian

Commissioner Ponstein: Congratulated Calvin Christian High School in their cross country state championship.

Republican Caucus

Commissioner Vonk: Announced that the GOP Caucus would be held on Tuesday, November 29, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. at Republican Headquarters.

No Fault Insurance

Commissioner Vonk: Reported that he and Commissioner Voorhees are sending letters to the representatives of MAC (Michigan Association of Counties) in support of continuing no-fault insurance. Anyone wishing to sign the letters should see him following the meeting.

Senior Millage Captures

Administrator Delabbio: Senior Millage dollars captured are \$125,000 - \$150,000.

Sports Commission Luncheon

Commissioner Vander Molen: 700 attended the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual West Michigan Sports Commission luncheon. Prior to the luncheon, it was announced that \$4.2 million has been raised for the proposed ball park complex and the kickoff for the public fundraising efforts.

Kent County Budget

Commissioner Antor: Kent County does more with less money than Wayne and Oakland Counties and he is proud of the way Kent spends money.

Commissioner Rolls: Thanked Department Heads for the 2012 budget work. Restaurant Week was very successful. Michigan is the only state with its unlimited PIP.

Commissioner Hirsch: Thanked Administrator Delabbio and staff for 2012 budget.

Commissioner Wawee: Thanked Commissioner Voorhees for his work regarding the Finance Committee and the budget process.

Sheriff's Department - Emergency Management

Commissioner Saalfeld: Recognized the Sheriff's Department Emergency Management Team for winning an award for the training video they entered into a national competition.

Northern Air Issue

Commissioner Talen: Would like the background information on the Northern Air issue brought up during Public Comment.

Sheriff Department – Mounted Division

Commissioner Morgan: Announced an open house today at 3:00 p.m. (Kroes & Belding Road) for the mounted division of the Sheriff's Department.

Zoo Director – Bert Vescolani

Chair Parrish: Presented Bert Vescolani with a proclamation thanking him for his seven years of service as Director of the John Ball Zoo as he prepares to leave Kent County for a position at the St. Louis Science Center and proclaiming November 17, 2011, as Bert Vescolani Day.

Mr. Vescolani: Honored to have served as the Director of the John Ball Zoo. He is very proud of the staff and the zoo and acknowledged that the zoo's future is very bright with Chair Parrish's leadership. Please continue supporting the zoo.

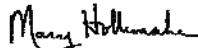
ADJOURNMENT

At 9:28 a.m., Commissioner Morgan moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Tuesday, December 13, 2011, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 9:30 a.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Koorndyk. Motion carried.



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Sandi Frost Parrish, Chair



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Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk

# PROCEEDINGS

of the  
**Kent County Board of Commissioners**  
**December 13, 2011 – Regular Meeting**

Meeting called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chair Sandi Frost Parrish.

Present: Commissioners Antor, Boelema, Bulkowski, Chivis, Hennessy, Hirsch, Koorndyk, Mast, Morgan, Ponstein, Rolls, Saalfeld, Shroll, Vander Molen, Vonk, Voorhees, Wawee, Chair Parrish - 18.

Absent: Talen – 1 (Excused).

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

## SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

### a. Employee Recognition

Chair Parrish acknowledged the following employees who were selected as recipients of Kent County's Employee Recognition for Quality Service Program:

- Fourth Quarter 2010, **Karen Kennedy**, Clerk Typist - County Clerk's Register of Deeds Office.
- First Quarter, **Zorimar Johnson**, Juvenile Probation Officer - 17<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court – Family Division.
- Second Quarter, **Jim Svoboda**, Detective - Sheriff's Office.
- Third Quarter, **Tracy Kniffen-Oates**, Circuit Court Clerk - 17<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court.

This program identifies and recognizes, through a nomination process, those employees who have provided outstanding quality customer service.

### b. Kent County Family & Children's Coordinating Council Annual Report

Susan Broman, Chair of the KCFCCC, who in January will become the Director of the Office of Great Start for the Michigan Department of Education, gave the annual report. The KCFCCC has, over the past 12 months, been discussing various human service challenges. For years, public systems, schools, private foundations and non-profit organizations have worked diligently to improve the lives of children and families in Kent County. While for the most part these efforts have been successful in having isolated impacts - changing one life or family at a time - when looked at collectively, poverty rates, abuse/neglect rates, standardized test scores of students in urban schools is worsening. Poverty rates in Kent County for children have increased. Medicaid funded births represented 42.8% of our local hospital births. 61% of admissions at the Kids First Shelter have been African-American/multi-ethnic children while the overall African-American population in Kent County is 9.4%. Even though the juvenile justice caseload has decreased in the past decade, the case referrals for the 49507 zip code were 2-3 times higher than in any other Kent County zip code in 2010.

The KCFCCC, over the next few months, will create its Collective Impact Strategy which will include:

1. A community forum that educates members of the community about Collective Impact and new ways to deliver services.
2. The creation of a human services dashboard utilizing measures that the community has already identified as important indicators.
3. An emphasis on ways to share data so we can measure initiative performance against benchmarks.
4. The hiring of a project manager and technical assistance provider to assist the KCFCCC in executing the strategy.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Jeff Smith, 424 LaGrave, Grand Rapids (Grand Rapids Institute for Democracy) - He is concerned that undercover cops are arresting gay men in County parks unjustly and by entrapment. He asked the Board to investigate and end the practice.

2. Gabe Hudson, 8269 Kalamazoo Avenue, Gaines Township (Chair of the Agricultural Preservation Board) – Presented food items from preserved farms which he will donate to a food bank after the meeting. Farms keep the food basket filled and are an engine that moves the county. He addressed the Board's tension for/against PDRs.

3. Collette Seguin Beighley, 1079 Jordan Court, Allendale (Board Member of Equality Michigan and Director of Grand Valley State University's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Resource Center) – Against the Kent County Sheriff's Department "sting" operations in County parks. Asked the Board to hold the Sheriff responsible.

4. Reverend Bill Freeman, 484 College, Holland - Former Grand Rapids resident believes that targeting gay men is illegal and should be stopped. The Sheriff is making it a crime to be gay in Kent County. He asked the Board to direct the Sheriff's Department to cease arresting such people.

5. Don Zerial, 7377 Cascade Terrace, Cascade – Distributed 2 handouts (copies on file in the Office of the County Clerk): 1) Notice to the Board that Zerial will focus on conflicts of interest, etc., and public officials; and 2) Transcript excerpts from Mayor Heartwell's comments at a GVSU panel, on Preventing Hate Crimes. He will talk in the future about three cases he handled regarding gay men arrested for illegal behavior.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of November 17, 2011, Meeting
- b) November 15, 2011, Finance Committee Meeting Minutes  
(Reports of Claims and Allowances)
- c) Resolutions:

#### 12-13-11-110 – GVSU COMMUNITY RESEARCH INSTITUTE FORECLOSURE DATA FUNDING AGREEMENT / ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, in 2009, *Foreclosure Response*, a collaborative of several non-profit organizations, banks, foundations, churches, and government agencies made a presentation regarding the status of foreclosures in

Kent County to the Board of Commissioners. One of the actions that resulted from this presentation was a partnership between the Kent County Bureau of Equalization and the Community Research Institute (CRI) at GVSU; and

WHEREAS, as part of this partnership, the Bureau of Equalization provides real estate data on a quarterly basis to CRI, and CRI conducts an analysis of foreclosure patterns in Kent County. The foreclosure information is shared with the County as well as several non-profit organizations, foundations, and government agencies; and

WHEREAS, the original funding provided to CRI for this analysis ends in December 2011. Because of the relatively high number of foreclosures still occurring, it is recommended that the County contract with GVSU CRI for continued foreclosure analysis; and

WHEREAS, the proposed contract is for three years (2012 – 2014), with a total funding commitment of \$19,000; and

WHEREAS, the contract has been reviewed and approved by Assistant Corporate Counsel as to form.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners authorizes the contract with Grand Valley State University Community Research Institute to provide data analysis, reports and maps regarding foreclosures in Kent County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Board Chair and/or the County Administrator/Controller to execute the contract in a form approved by Assistant Corporate Counsel.

#### 12-13-11-111 – FY 2011 FIRE PREVENTION BUDGET AMENDMENT / FIRE COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Fire Prevention Fund established in 1942, is permitted by MCLA 46.301 to oversee the purchase of fire extinguishing apparatus and equipment for 15 participating townships on a rotating basis. The law permitting such activity limits the County's contribution to 50 percent of the cost of such equipment, with townships required to contribute the remaining 50 percent; and

WHEREAS, in December 2010, the Grattan Township pumper was involved in an accident which totaled the vehicle; and

WHEREAS, the replacement values on all fire apparatus' were revalued from \$10.8 million to \$15.9 million, increasing the insurance premium from \$161,928 to \$182,316; and

WHEREAS, the additional premium will be added to the assessment formula and billed to all Fire Commission members in their February 2012 billing; and

WHEREAS, Fiscal Services is requesting an additional \$20,388 appropriation from the Fire Prevention Fund reserves.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby appropriates an additional \$20,388 to the FY 2011 Fire Prevention Budget from Fire Prevention Fund reserves.

#### 12-13-11-112 – CENTRAL SERVICES COPIER EQUIPMENT LEASE / FISCAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Central Services Division of the Fiscal Services Department provides printing services to County departments; and

WHEREAS, on September 30, 2011, Central Services replaced leased copier equipment and entered into a 39-month capital lease agreement on new copier equipment; and

WHEREAS, the new capital lease agreement will save the County General Fund \$24,684 per year compared to the previous lease agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Kent Count Capital Improvement Fund shall be amended to book the copier equipment and the Kent County Debt Service Fund shall be amended to account for lease payments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby appropriates \$243,620 to the FY 2011 Kent County Capital Improvement Fund budget from Capital Lease Proceeds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby appropriates \$104,646 to the FY 2011 Kent County Debt Service Fund budget from the Kent County General Fund.

12-13-11-113 – MILLENNIUM PARK – VETERANS MEMORIAL DRIVE  
EASEMENT / PARKS

WHEREAS, Veterans Memorial Drive is being vacated by the City of Walker as a public street and the property will revert to the adjacent property owner which is the County; and

WHEREAS, there is an existing public water main under Veterans Memorial Drive; and

WHEREAS, to confirm the existing water main will not be disturbed, the City of Walker requested a formal easement for the existing water main; and

WHEREAS, the Easement has been approved by Corporate Counsel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves the grant of an easement for a water main located under Veterans Memorial Drive and to authorize the County Administrator/Controller to sign the easement.

12-13-11-114 – ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE VARIOUS GIFTS AND GRANTS  
/ PARKS

WHEREAS, in recent months, several groups and individuals made donations to the Parks Department or the Kent County Parks Foundation to support various projects within the Parks. The donations received are as follows:

- As a result of budget reductions, Pickerel Lake Park was slated to be closed to the public in the off season. Park supporters rallied to reopen the park by contributing volunteer hours and donations. The Board of Commissioners previously accepted and appropriated \$5,575 in private gifts received by the Kent County Parks Foundation for this purpose. An additional \$250 has since been received by the Parks Foundation.
- A private individual sent an unsolicited gift of \$200 directly to the Parks Department, stating a preference that the funds be used for Pickerel Lake Park if needed there.
- The Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority awarded the Parks Department a grant of \$2,540 to assist in the purchase and installation of a security system at the new DeVos Family Boathouse at Millennium Park.



- The GE Volunteers Foundation contributed \$5,000 to support a tree planting project at Creekside Park. The trees were planted by approximately 50 volunteers who are employees of GE Aviation.
- H.B. Fuller contributed \$350 in support of its Make a Difference Day campaign, to be used for supplies for the clean up of parks; and

WHEREAS, the private gifts and grant collected by the Parks Foundation and the Parks Department now need to be accepted and appropriated to the various accounts within the Parks Department Operating and CIP budgets.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners accepts and appropriates donations and grants totaling \$8,340 to fund various projects in the Kent County Parks.

Motion by Commissioner Rolls, seconded by Commissioner Vonk, that the Consent Agenda items be approved.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Antor, Boelemma, Bulkowski, Chivis, Hennessy, Hirsch, Koorndyk, Mast, Morgan, Ponstein, Rolls, Saalfeld, Shroll, Vander Molen, Vonk, Voorhees, Wawee, Chair Parrish – 18.

Nays: 0.

## RESOLUTIONS

### 12-13-11-115 – LODGING EXCISE TAX FUND / WEST MICHIGAN SPORTS COMMISSION / ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, in 2006, the County created the West Michigan Sports Commission (WMSC) and pledged to provide \$200,000 per year for a period of five years from the collected Lodging Excise Tax. In FY2012, the WMSC will receive \$100,000 from the Lodging Excise Tax to continue its mission; and

WHEREAS, over the past five years, the WMSC assisted 200 groups, which together brought over 240,000 visitors into the community who collectively spent over \$70 million. Recently, the WMSC announced a public fundraising campaign to cap the *Everyone Wins* campaign that intends to build a baseball/softball complex, which is expected to generate 10,000 annual room nights; and

WHEREAS, after several years of stagnation, the Lodging Excise Tax revenue is up 24.5%, or \$779,424, through September 30, 2011, compared to the same period last year; a portion of which can be attributed to the activity of the WMSC; and

WHEREAS, in late October, the County received a request from the WMSC to provide it with an additional \$50,000 in FY2011. This funding is intended to assist the WMSC in bridging the transitional gap of reduced County support in FY2012 so it can pursue supplemental funding. The funding will also assist in implementing key measurement strategies to better quantify the hotel/motel room night impact the WMSC generates.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves the appropriation of \$50,000 to the FY 2011 Lodging Excise Tax Fund budget from excess Transient Tax revenue for distribution to the West Michigan Sports Commission.

Motion by Commissioner Antor, seconded by Commissioner Koorndyk, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Antor, Boelema, Bulkowski, Chivis, Hennessy, Hirsch, Koorndyk, Mast, Morgan, Ponstein, Rolls, Saalfeld, Shroll, Vander Molen, Vonk, Voorhees, Wawee, Chair Parrish – 18.

Nays: 0.

12-13-11-116 – LABOR AGREEMENT: TEAMSTERS LOCAL 214 / HUMAN RESOURCES / PARKS

WHEREAS, the County of Kent and the Teamsters Local 214, representing the Parks Department have negotiated a labor agreement; and

WHEREAS, the agreement provides for no increase to base wages effective January 1, 2012, a 1.0% increase effective January 1, 2013, and a 1.0% increase effective January 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the bargaining agreement includes up to 26 furlough days per year; and

WHEREAS, County Wellness Health Insurance plan changes will include removal of elective abortion coverage effective January 1, 2012; employee premium contribution increase to 17.5% and may include a spousal surcharge effective January 1, 2013; changes to respective plan benefits including deductibles, co-pays, co-insurance and out of pocket maximums effective January 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the employee pension contribution cap will increase to 7.5% effective January 1, 2012, and to 8.5% effective January 1, 2014. For employees hired on/after January 1, 2012, the minimum normal retirement age with 25 years of service will be established at age 60, and age 62 for individuals with 5 years of service; and

WHEREAS, dental plan to allow only one annual family maximum if both members of household are eligible to participate effective January 1, 2013. Annual family maximum increase from \$2,300 to \$2,400 effective January 1, 2014; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the three-year labor agreement for the period January 1, 2012, through December 31, 2014, between the County of Kent and the Teamsters Local 214 representing 16 full-time employees within the Parks Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Board Chair, County Administrator/Controller, and Human Resources Director to sign the agreement on behalf of the County.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Antor, Boelema, Bulkowski, Chivis, Hennessy, Hirsch, Koorndyk, Mast, Morgan, Ponstein, Rolls, Saalfeld, Shroll, Vander Molen, Vonk, Voorhees, Wawee, Chair Parrish – 18.

Nays: 0.

12-13-11-117 – 2012 UNMET NEEDS AND DISCRETIONARY 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; 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 2012 recommendation includes \$377,211.00 to fund 18 programs for Current Unmet Needs; and

WHEREAS, the DHS Board annually conducts an allocation process for County Human Services funds. Community-based organizations may receive funds through the Discretionary Funds process or the Current Unmet Needs Process. Programs historically funded through Discretionary Funds are those that are not traditionally recurring expenses; and

WHEREAS, as a result of ongoing unmet needs and declining budget revenues, the DHS Board did not conduct Discretionary Fund hearings in 2011, and is not recommending Discretionary program funding for 2012.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves the allocation of \$377,211 in funding for human services programs as recommended by the Department of Human Services Board.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Antor, Boelemma, Bulkowski, Chivis, Hennessy, Hirsch, Koorndyk, Mast, Morgan, Ponstein, Rolls, Saalfeld, Shroll, Vander Molen, Vonk, Voorhees, Wawee, Chair Parrish – 18.

Nays: 0.

12-13-11-118 – HUMAN SERVICES COMPLEX – ADJACENT PARKING PROPERTY ACQUISITION / HUMAN SERVICES / FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

WHEREAS, on October 26, 2006, the Board approved a sublease with the State of Michigan for the use of space at the Kent County Human Services Complex; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the execution of the lease, changes in the number of State staff assigned to the facility, and increased demand for services has resulted in the need for additional parking at the site; and

WHEREAS, the United Methodist Community House owns three properties adjacent to the parking lot and has offered to sell the property to the County at a price which is considerably less than the two-times SEV values (\$181,400) that the County has historically paid for such property; and

WHEREAS, purchasing the property at this time will ensure its availability for future parking development and will secure the sites which are adjacent to the County facility. Costs to conduct the environmental assessments, demolition, closing costs, and contingencies are estimated at \$71,832; and

WHEREAS, at such time the property is developed for parking, the acquisition and site preparation expenses will be incorporated into an amended lease with the State of Michigan and the Area Community Services Employment and Training (ACSET).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners authorizes the purchase of 826 Sheldon Ave SE (PP 41-14-31-303-011), 907 Jefferson Ave SE (PP 41-14-31-303-038), and 845 Jefferson Ave SE (PP 41-14-31-303-037), Grand Rapids, from United Methodist Community House for the amount of \$60,874; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners authorizes the creation of a Human Services Complex Parking Lot Expansion Project 2011 CIP; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners authorizes the re-appropriation of \$132,706 from the Zoo Administration Repair Project to the Human Services Complex Parking Lot Expansion Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners authorizes the donation of the house and property not needed at 826 Sheldon SE (PP 41-14-31-303-011) to the Kent County Land Bank Authority; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Board Chair or her designee to sign all documents in a form approved by Corporate Counsel.

Motion by Commissioner Saalfeld, seconded by Commissioner Koorndyk, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Antor, Boelema, Bulkowski, Chivis, Hennessy, Hirsch, Koorndyk, Mast, Morgan, Ponstein, Rolls, Saalfeld, Shroll, Vander Molen, Vonk, Voorhees, Wawee, Chair Parrish – 18.

Nays: 0.

12-13-11-119 – REVISIONS TO THE MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE FEE SCHEDULE / MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, Michigan County Medical Examiner Law (Act 181, P.A. 1953), as amended, and the Michigan Public Health Code (Act 368, P.A. 1978) as amended, mandates that certain types of death be referred to the medical examiner for investigation and allows a local government to "...fix and require the payment of fees for services authorized or required to be performed by the Medical Examiner's Office." Said fees should not be more than the reasonable cost of providing the service; and

WHEREAS, the Medical Examiner's Office has attempted to create a fair and equitable fee schedule that captures the cost of services provided. As a result, the Medical Examiner's Office is proposing fee adjustments to better align fees with associated costs; and

WHEREAS, the Medical Examiner's Office is recommending changes to six existing fees with the effective date of February 1, 2012. These recommendations are detailed in the attached schedule; and

WHEREAS, the proposed fee changes will generate an additional \$22,800 annually for the Medical Examiner's Office. This additional revenue was included in the Medical Examiner's Office's recommended budget for FY2012.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves the amendments to the Medical Examiner Office's fee schedule effective February 1, 2012.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Antor, Boelema, Bulkowski, Chivis, Hennessy, Hirsch, Koorndyk, Mast, Morgan, Ponstein, Rolls, Saalfeld, Shroll, Vander Molen, Vonk, Voorhees, Wawee, Chair Parrish – 18.

Nays: 0.

12-13-11-120 – PROPOSED PARKS FEE ADJUSTMENTS / PARKS

WHEREAS, County Policy requires that departments annually review their fees as part of the budget process. The Parks Department has recommended the following changes and additions to its fee schedule, including fee adjustments are proposed for cabin rentals at Wabasis Campground, differentiating between single and tandem kayaks at Millennium Park; hunting permits of \$25 for bow hunting at Spencer Forest, Lowell Regional and Two Rivers Parks; a more flexible approach to parking fees for certain events is proposed to allow the department to assess charges more in line with the nature of each event and user expectations; and a new Facility Use Fee for commercial events is proposed to allow the department to negotiate as appropriate. All of these recommendations are detailed in the attached schedule; and

WHEREAS, these fee adjustments are projected to generate an additional \$2,500 annually from cabin rentals, \$850 from hunting, and \$5,000 annually from event fees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approves the attached changes and additions to Parks Department fees for rental cabins, kayaks, hunting permits, and events effective December 14, 2011.

Motion by Commissioner Saalfeld, seconded by Commissioner Koorndyk, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Antor, Boelema, Bulkowski, Chivis, Hirsch, Koorndyk, Mast, Morgan, Ponstein, Rolls, Saalfeld, Shroll, Vander Molen, Vonk, Voorhees, Wawee, Chair Parrish – 17.

Nays: Hennessy - 1.

12-13-11-121 – ADDITION OF THREE PART - TIME VETERANS SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE POSITIONS / VETERANS' AFFAIRS

WHEREAS, the Department of Veterans' Affairs assists veterans and their dependents by processing claims for emergency financial relief, pension, compensation, education, health care, burial allowances, home loans, and insurance benefits; and

WHEREAS, the department is staffed by one full-time Manager; and

WHEREAS, through a student veterans program, three interns temporarily joined the department and helped secure \$1.5 million in annual federal VA benefits for Kent County veterans and their families; and

WHEREAS, the internship program is no longer available and the department requires County staff to continue working on the 600 active and pending claims for VA benefits and to assist with an average of 850 calls per month and eight walk in clients per day; and

WHEREAS, the annual cost of three part-time (.5 FTE) Veteran Services Representative positions is \$68,007, including wages and benefits.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves the creation of the "Veterans Services Representative" (UAW 19) job classification and the addition of three part-time Veteran Services Representative positions to provide benefit eligibility assistance to veterans and their family members.

Motion by Commissioner Koorndyk, seconded by Commissioner Vonk, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Antor, Boelema, Bulkowski, Chivis, Hennessy, Hirsch, Koorndyk, Mast, Morgan, Ponstein, Rolls, Saalfeld, Shroll, Vander Molen, Vonk, Voorhees, Wawee, Chair Parrish – 18.

Nays: 0.

## REPORTS

### Millage Subcommittee Report

Motion by Commissioner Vander Molen, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, to receive the Millage Subcommittee Report.

Motion carried by voice vote.

### network180

Commissioner Ponstein: Reported that network180 signed a two-year agreement with the UAW. The pension will be phased out and a defined contribution plan will take its place.

Commissioner Mast: The state is looking at “dual-eligibles” - those eligible for Medicare and Medicaid. That may impact the network’s clients.

### Land Bank Authority

Commissioner Ponstein: The Land Bank will come to the Board to “receive” the Sparta Foundry site. At present, it is a liability with one-third of it falling down. It is a contaminated site and the cleanup could take six months. The Land Bank Authority will meet with Sparta officials. There is an interested buyer; however, they do not have the funds to clean it up. This could bring up to 125 new jobs to the area.

### Gaines Township Board

Commissioner Hirsch: The Gaines Township board passed a resolution creating a line item for farmland preservation.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Public Comment

Commissioner Morgan: Regarding the Public Comment heard today, he is not going to tell the Sheriff not to enforce the law.

Commissioner Chivis: Asked for a report on the Sheriff’s Department and the park arrests discussed during Public Comment.

Corporate Counsel Ophoff: In June, Kent County received a letter from ACLU concerning arrests (all in 2010). Corporate Counsel has met with KCSD and Prosecutor. He has looked at Kent’s ordinances. He will get more information to the Board.

Commissioner Rolls: Agrees that the Sheriff’s Department needs to continue to enforce law in our parks.

Commissioner Wawee: Supports the Sheriff’s Department enforcement of the law.

### Grandville City Council

Commissioner Ponstein: The City of Grandville is recognized for its work in

public/private partnerships. At a recent Grandville City Council meeting, it was announced that a major retailer is coming to the area and part of the reason for selecting the site is that the site already exists and it is cheaper to develop.

Personal Injury Protection (PIP)

Commissioner Rolls: Concerned that his comments at the last Board meeting were misconstrued by some, so he explained that he was simply saying that PIP in Michigan needs some reform.

Board of Commission

Commissioner Saalfeld: Has served on many boards in the past and is impressed with the Kent County Board of Commissioners and appreciates the courtesy shown to peers.

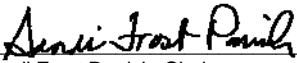
Proclamation to Airport Director

Chair Parrish: Presented a proclamation to Airport Director Jim Koslosky, who is retiring at the end of the year after 21 years with the airport, thanking him for his service.

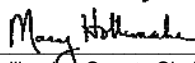
Also, Chair conveyed her appreciation to everyone for their work over the past year and wished everyone Happy Holidays.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:50 a.m., Commissioner Koorndyk moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, January 5, 2012, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 8:30 a.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Bulkowski. Motion carried.



Sandi Frost Parrish, Chair



Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk