

The Regular Meeting of the Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners convened on February 25, 2020 at the Board of Commissioners Room, 33 McCollum Street, Suite 210, Hillsdale, Michigan.

Commissioner Wiley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America by Commissioner Caswell.

<u>ROLL CALL:</u>	<u>DISTRICT:</u>	<u>PRESENT:</u>	<u>ABSENT:</u>
	1	Ruth Brown	
	2.	Julie Games (via phone)	
	3.	Mark Wiley	
	4.	Bruce Caswell	
	5.	Namrata Carolan	

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order
2. Prayer & Pledge by Commissioner Caswell
3. Public Comment
4. Consent Agenda

Review & Correction/Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2020

5. Correspondence - Listed
6. Regular Agenda
7. Standing Order:

9:10 a.m. Nicolas Wheeler, Equalization Director – Request to Hire a Replacement in the Equalization Department

9:30 a.m. Matt Word, Drain Commissioner – Annual Report

8. Committee Reports:

A. FINANCE – BRUCE CASWELL

20-023: Support of Changing to Michigan Works! Southeast Consortium

B. HUMAN SERVICES – RUTH BROWN

C. PUBLIC SAFETY – NAMRATA CAROLAN

D. FACILITIES/TECHNOLOGY/ECON DEVELOPMENT – JULIE GAMES

E. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT/MANAGEMENT & PERSONNEL – MARK WILEY

9. Public Comment
10. Additional Business
11. Adjournment

Present: David Rudnick, James Cramer, Mark Nichols, Chris Myers, Penny Swan, Jon Rutan, Dan Rutan, Stephenie Kyser, Brad Benzing, Corey Murray, Kris Shaneour, Jon Smith, Karen Winchell, Matt Word, Nick Wheeler, Sheriff Parker and Bob Eichler.

Under Public Comment Jon-Paul Rutan spoke in favor of Resolution 20-023 which if passed will affirm the rights protected by the Second Amendment and Article 1, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution. He did request that the words "that are legally in use today" be stricken from the Resolution. He stated that this could cause an issue in the future. He also requested his personal Proclamation as candidate for Sheriff be placed in the minutes. See Attachment A.

Dan Rutan agreed with Jon-Paul Rutan in regards to striking the six words stated above.

9:08 a.m. Karla Malone entered.

9:09 a.m. Mary Wallen entered.

Mark Nichols, Jon Smith, James Kramer and Penny Swan all agreed with Mr. Rutan regarding the striking the six words in the proposed Resolution.

Bob Eichler agreed with Mr. Rutan and he also commented on the meeting in Camden.

C/Carolan moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by C/Brown. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

9:20 a.m. Jon-Paul Rutan and Dan Rutan exited.

9:20 a.m. Bob Eichler exited and re-entered several times throughout the meeting.

C/Games moved to approve the Regular Agenda. Second by C/Carolan. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

9:23 a.m. Nick Wheeler, Equalization Director, informed the Board that he had an employee leave employment and he would like permission to replace that employee. There was some discussion.

C/Caswell moved to allow Mr. Wheeler to hire a replacement employee. Second by C/Brown. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

9:25 a.m. Mr. Wheeler exited.

Matt Word, Drain Commissioner, reviewed with the Board his 2019 Annual Report. Mr. Word gave an update on some upcoming petitions. He informed the Board that they will be installing an electronic lake level monitoring system on five of the lakes in Hillsdale County.

C/Brown moved to accept the 2019 Annual Drain Report and place it on file. Second by C/Carolan. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

C/Caswell moved to approve Resolution 20-023: Hereby affirming that the rights protected by the Second Amendment and Article 1, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution apply to all arms that are legally in use today by supporting the attached document. Second by C/Carolan. There was much discussion.

C/Caswell moved to amend the Resolution and document to strike the words "that are legally in use today." Second by C/Brown. Vote on amendment unanimous. CARRIED

There was more discussion regarding who should receive copies of this Resolution.

C/Games moved to amend the document to read as follows: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners directs the County Clerk to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Michigan State Legislature (House of Representatives and State Senators), the Governor of Michigan, all the U.S.

Congressmen and the other 82 counties. Second by C/Carolan. Vote on amendment unanimous. CARRIED

Roll Call Vote on the Resolution as amended: C/Wiley – Yes, C/Caswell – Yes, C/Carolan – Yes, C/Brown – Yes, C/Games – Yes. Vote: 5-Yes, 0-No. CARRIED

C/Caswell gave an update on items under his committee. There was some discussion regarding the heating system at the Courthouse.

10:23 a.m. Randy Finley entered.

10:26 a.m. Matt Word, Karen Winchell, Mark Nichols, Kris Shaneour and Randy Finley exited.

C/Brown gave an update on items under her committee.

10:31 a.m. Mark Nichols re-entered.

C/Carolan gave an update on items under her committee.

C/Games gave an update on items under her committee.

C/Wiley gave an update on items of interest.

Under Public Comment, Jon Smith thanked the Board for passing the Resolution regarding the Second Amendment.

Mark Nichols, commented on the Second Amendment and a few other items.

Brad Benzing thanked the Board as well and asked if training could be offered to EMS regarding mental health patients.

Bob Eichler apologized to C/Wiley regarding comments made at the Camden Township Meeting , thanked C/Brown for the Community Conservation last night and commented on the Census.

All Commissioners commented on other items of interest.

11:11 a.m. C/Brown exited.

11:15 a.m. adjournment by call of the Chair.

Mark E. Wiley, Chair
Board of Commissioners

Marney M. Kast,
County Clerk