

The Regular Meeting of the Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners convened on March 10, 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 Wiley.

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

AGENDA:

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

Review & Correction/Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2020
20-024: Payroll, Payables, Transfers – February 2020
20-025: Approval of Farmers Market to use the Courthouse Parking Lot
20-026: Appointment to the Hillsdale County Planning Commission – City/Village Rep.

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

9:10 a.m. Maribeth Leonard, CEO Lifeways – 2019 Fourth Quarter Report

9:30 a.m. Alyssa Blonde, District Administrator – USDA Service Center & Joe Draper, Board of Directors – Requesting Financial Assistance – 2020 Hillsdale County Tire Collection

8. Committee Reports:
 - A. **HUMAN SERVICES – RUTH BROWN**
 - B. **PUBLIC SAFETY – NAMRATA CAROLAN**
Update: Medical Examiner
Morgue
Jail - Gate
 - C. **FACILITIES/TECHNOLOGY/ECON DEVELOPMENT – JULIE GAMES**
 - D. **FINANCE – BRUCE CASWELL**
 - E. **CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT/MANAGEMENT & PERSONNEL – MARK WILEY**

9. Public Comment
10. Additional Business
11. Adjournment

Present: Stephenie Kyser, Penny Swan, Maribeth Leonard, JP Rudell, Liese Szarafinski, Sheriff Parker, Bob Eichler (Mr. Eichler exited and re-entered several times throughout the meeting), Kris Shaneour and Alyssa Blonde.

Under Public Comment, Bob Eichler complimented C/Carolan. He also commented on the ISD Millage request.

9:05 a.m. Corey Murray and Doug Culver entered.

C/Brown asked to remove Resolution 20-025 from the Consent Agenda and place it under Facilities/Technology/Econ Development.

C/Carolan moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Second by C/Games. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

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

9:08 a.m. Maribeth Leonard, CEO Lifeways, reviewed the Hillsdale County Mental Health Millage 2019 Annual Evaluation and 2020 Budget with the Board.

9:09 a.m. Joe Draper entered.

9:30 a.m. Ms. Leonard finished and exited.

Joe Draper and Alyssa Blonde from the Soil Conservation District addressed the Board regarding the tire pick up that will be happening. They are asking for donations to pay for the trucks that will be coming in to collect the tires. There was some discussion.

9:49 a.m. Mr. Draper and Ms. Blonde finished and exited.

Liese Szarafinski and Doug Culver reported to the Board on the success of the Farmer's Market and are asking to use the courthouse parking lot again this year. They stated that in October of this year they would like to open up half of the parking lot for parking due to fewer vendors and larger products like pumpkins. There was discussion regarding liability.

C/Games moved to approve Resolution 20-025: Allowing the Farmer's Market to use the Courthouse Parking Lot on Saturday mornings beginning May 9, 2020 through October 31, 2020 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Second by C/Carolan. There was some discussion regarding the county's liability. Vote: 4-Yes, 1-No (C/Caswell) CARRIED

9:58 a.m. Ms. Szarafinski and Mr. Culver finished and exited.

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

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

10:15 a.m. Mr. Murray exited.

C/Games asked Randy Finley, Facilities Director, to speak to the Board about the need to hire a replacement maintenance person.

Mr. Finley expressed his need to replace a maintenance person. He stated that it is a full time position. There was much discussion regarding whether this position be a full time or part time.

10:40 a.m. Mr. Rudell exited.

10:42 a.m. Mr. Rudell re-entered.

C/Caswell moved to allow Mr. Finley to hire a part time maintenance person for twenty-eight hours per week thru the end of 2020 and any money that is saved will be credited to Jail for repairs. Second by C/Carolan. Vote: 4-Yes, 1-No (C/Games). CARRIED

There was discussion regarding the bids that were received for the gate at the Jail. The quoted cost so far is \$33,000. Mr. Finley stated that he is looking into a couple more vendors.

There was discussion regarding the HVAC system in the Courthouse. Mr. Finley stated that it would be best to hire an architect and he needs permission to proceed.

C/Caswell moved to allow Mr. Finley to proceed with hiring an architect for the HVAC Project at the Courthouse. Second by C/Brown. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

11:00 a.m. Mr. Finley exited.

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

C/Caswell gave an update on items under his committee.

C/Wiley gave an update on a few items of interest.

11:42 a.m. Mr. Rudell exited.

11:50 a.m. Ms. Shaneour exited.

Under Public Comment, Bob Eichler asked if he could receive a copy of the Prosecutors response to the issue with the Undersheriff or if he needed to FOIA it.

11:58 a.m. adjournment by call of the Chair.

Mark E. Wiley, Chair
Board of Commissioners

Marney M. Kast,
County Clerk