

The Regular Meeting of the Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners convened on February 9, 2021 at the Board of Commissioners Room, 33 McCollum Street, Suite 210, Hillsdale, Michigan.

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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 Ingles.

<u>ROLL CALL:</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>PRESENT:</u>	<u>ABSENT:</u>
	1	Doug Ingles	
	2	Kathy Schmitt	
	3	Mark Wiley	
	4	Brad Benzing	
	5	Brent Leininger	

**AGENDA:**

1. Call to Order
2. Prayer & Pledge by Commissioner Ingles
3. Public Comment
4. Consent Agenda:
  - Review & Correction/Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of January 26, 2021
  - 21-023: Payroll, Payables, Transfers – January 2021
  - 21-024: Hillsdale County Farmer's Market – Usage of Courthouse Parking Lot
  - 21-025: Authorize Chair to Sign Family Court (Probate & Juvenile) Legal Services Contract – Nickerson
  - 21-026: Authorize Chair to Sign Hillsdale County Remonumentation Contracts
  - 21-027: Appointment of Attorney Magistrate – District Court
5. Correspondence – Listed
6. Regular Agenda
7. Standing Order:
  - 9:10 a.m. Terry Vear, Executive Director, Senior Services Center – Update on Audit & Annual Service Data Report
8. Committee Reports:
  - A. FACILITIES/TECH/ECON DEVELOPMENT – DOUG INGLES**
  - B. BUDGET – KATHY SCHMITT**
  - C. HUMAN SERVICES – BRENT LEININGER**
    - Continued Discussion: Rules of Procedure and by-Laws
  - D. PUBLIC SAFETY/JUDICIARY – BRAD BENZING**
  - E. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT/MANAGEMENT & PERSONNEL – MARK WILEY**
9. Public Comment
10. Additional Business
11. Adjournment

Present: Doug Hernandez, Doug Sanford, Stephenie Kyser, Chris Myers, Lori Boyd, Bob Eichler, Jim Graves and Roy Bodinus.

Present via Zoom: Laura Rahe, Ruth Brown, Terry Vear and Scott Sharp.

Under Public Comment, Lori Boyd asked the Board to keep the Community in their thoughts and to not believe the grafts regarding Covid.

Bob Eichler made comments regarding the budget.

C/Leininger moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the following changes: Moving Resolution 21-024 to Facilities, Moving Resolution 21-026 to Budget. Second by C/Schmitt. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

Under Correspondence C/Ingles suggested that the Human Services Committee create a Resolution that mirrors Resolutions submitted by Alpena, Kalkaska, Antrim and Jackson County's.

C/Leininger moved to approve the Regular Agenda with the following additions: placing Resolution 21-024 under Facilities, placing Resolution 21-026 under Budget and adding Doug Sanford to Standing Order before Terry Vear. Second by C/Benzing. C/Leininger moved to amend the Motion to add the request from Equalization and the Treasurer for replacement of employees under Budget. Second by C/Ingles. Vote on amendment unanimous. CARRIED

Vote on Motion as amended unanimous. CARRIED

9:14 a.m. Doug Sanford, E-911/Emergency Management Director, addressed the Board regarding bids that were received by Emergency Management for the building of a pole barn for storage on the 911 property. He stated that the following bids were received: Poole Construction, \$35,945; Foulk Construction, \$51,780 and North American Construction Enterprises, \$85,734. The Emergency Management Director is recommending Poole Construction. There was some discussion.

C/Ingles moved to accept the recommendation from the Emergency Management Director. Second by C/Schmitt. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

9:21a.m. Laura Rahe entered.

9:23 a.m. Mr. Sanford finished and exited. Wendy Crawford joined via Zoom.

Terry Vear, Executive Director, Senior Services Center, reviewed with the Board the Hillsdale County Senior Services Center Services Breakout for fiscal year 2019. There was some discussion. Ms. Vear finished and

Ms. Crawford reviewed the Independent Auditor's Report for years September 30, 2020. There was some discussion.

9:31 a.m. Bob Eichler exited.

9:51 a.m. Ms. Kyser exited.

9:53 a.m. Ms. Kyser re-entered.

9:59 a.m. Ms. Vear and Ms. Crawford finished with their presentation and exited Zoom.

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

C/Ingles moved to approve Resolution 21-024: Allowing the Farmer's Market to use the Courthouse parking lot on Saturdays from May 8, 2021 thru October 30, 2021. Second by C/Schmitt. C/Leininger had questions regarding the waiver the vendors sign stating that they will hold the county harmless. He stated that he feels they should have to present an insurance waiver in order to use the parking lot. There was much discussion. Vote: 4-Yes, 1-No (C/Leininger) CARRIED

C/Ingles stated that Probate Court should be able to move into their new offices in two to three weeks.

C/Schmitt moved to approve Resolution 21-026: Authorizing the Chair to sign the Remonumentation Contracts with Bartolo Surveying LLC, Enger Surveying & Engineering, Lodzinski & Associates, LLC and Ripstra & Scheppelman. Second by C/Leininger. C/Schmitt stated that she just wanted to inform the Commissioners what this was. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

C/Schmitt moved to allow the Equalization Director to replace the employee who has left employment. Second by C/Ingles. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

Stephenie Kyser addressed the Board regarding the need to replace her Assistant Head Bookkeeper. She stated that due to the type of job she may bring someone in, depending on qualifications, at a higher rate of pay than the hire in rate for a Level 05. There was some discussion.

C/Ingles moved to allow Ms. Kyser to replace the employee that is leaving. Second by C/Schmitt. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

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

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

There was discussion regarding the Rules and By-Laws. The hope is to have legal opinions back and a clean document at the next meeting.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding whether or not committee meetings should be posted.

C/Benzing asked Ms. Rahe to introduce herself to the Board.

Laura Rahe, District Court Administrator and just approved Attorney Magistrate, introduced herself to the Board and gave them a brief history of her work in the county.

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

C/Wiley gave an update on items of interest.

Under Additional Business, C/Schmitt and C/Leininger commented on a couple of items.

Under Public Comment, Chris Myers thanked C/Benzing and C/Schmitt for recognizing the issue at the Road Commission.

11:28 a.m. Bob Eichler re-entered.

Bob Eichler commented on the Road Commission and the altercation that he had with the security person a couple of meetings ago.

11:34 a.m. C/Leininger moved to go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Attorney/Client privilege. Second by C/Ingles. Roll Call Vote: C/Leininger – Yes, C/Ingles – Yes, C/Schmitt – Yes, C/Wiley – Yes, C/Benzing – Yes. Vote: 5-Yes, 0-No. CARRIED

12:04 p.m. C/Ingles moved to return to open session. Second by C/Leininger. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

There was some discussion regarding an issue brought to the Chair's attention by the County Treasurer. He suggested that the other Commissioners meet with her separately to be updated on this issue.

12:09 p.m. adjournment by call of the Chair.

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Mark E. Wiley, Chair  
Board of Commissioners

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Marney M. Kast,  
County Clerk