

The Regular Meeting of the Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners convened on April 27, 2021 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 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 April 13, 2021
21-046: Appointment to Jury Board
21-047: Appointments to the Emergency Telephone Service Board
21-048: Commissioner Re-appointment to Region 2 Area Agency on Aging
21-049: Memorandum of Understanding – County of Hillsdale and Hillsdale Hospital

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

9:10 a.m. Julie Wetherby, Executive Director, Region 2 Area Agency on Aging – Semi-Annual Financial Report - Virtually
9:30 a.m. John O'Connor, 44North – Informational Meeting
10:00 a.m. Doug Sanford, Director Central Dispatch/9-1-1/Emergency Management – Request Replacement – Deputy Director for Emergency Management

8. Committee Reports:

- A. BUDGET – KATHY SCHMITT**
21-045: Authorize Budget Chair to Sign Revised MIDC Budget 2022 to 2023
- B. HUMAN SERVICES – BRENT LEININGER**
- C. PUBLIC SAFETY/JUDICIARY – BRAD BENZING**
- D. FACILITIES/TECH/ECON DEVELOPMENT – DOUG INGLES**
- E. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT/MANAGEMENT & PERSONNEL – MARK WILEY**

9. Public Comment
10. Additional Business
11. Adjournment

Present: Roy Bodinus, Jim Graves, Laura Rahe, Bob Eichler, Tim Shaw and Stephenie Kyser.
Present via WebEx: Julie Wetherby.

Under Public Comment Bob Eichler commented on the Aquafer issue and the Road Commission. He also requested an apology from C/Wiley regarding the incident that happened at the County Office Building resulting in Mr. Eichler's arrest.

C/Leininger moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the removal of Resolution 21-049 and placing it under Human Services. Second by C/Schmitt. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

C/Benzing moved to approve the Regular Agenda with the addition of Resolution 21-049 under Human Services, discussion of the COVID Preparedness Plan under the Chairperson's Report and the discussion of WebEx meetings under Technology. Second by C/Schmitt. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

9:10 a.m. Mr. Eichler exited, Nichole Baker entered via WebEx and John O'Connor entered.

Julie Wetherby, Executive Director of Region 2 Area Agency on Aging, reviewed their Semi-Annual Financial Report with the Board.

9:20 a.m. Doug Sanford entered.

9:28 a.m. Ms. Wetherby finished and left the meeting.

9:29 a.m. John O'Connor, 44North introduced himself to the new commissioners and gave a background on what they have done for the county in regards to helping with the county's health insurance. There was some discussion.

9:50 a.m. Mr. O'Connor finished and exited.

9:51 a.m. Doug Sanford, 911/Emergency Management Director addressed the Board regarding the need to replace his Deputy Emergency Management Director. He stated that his current Deputy passed away and he would like to replace him. He stated that the pay is \$100 every two weeks and is considering promoting from one of his current volunteers.

C/Benzing moved to allow Mr. Sanford to fill the position of Deputy Emergency Management Director. Second by C/Ingles. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

There was some discussion on the COVID Preparedness Plan and changes that need to be made. It was the consensus of the Board to have the Human Services Committee work with Mr. Sanford on updating the Preparedness Plan.

9:59 a.m. Tim Shaw exited.

10:10 a.m. Mr. Sanford finished.

C/Schmitt moved to approve Resolution 21-045: Authorizing Commissioner Schmitt to sign the revised Michigan Indigent Defense Commission Budget for Fiscal Year 2022. Second by C/Benzing. C/Schmitt explained this amendment will save the county \$4,895.71 and requires the Boards approval. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

Derek Ringman, Finance Manager, reviewed the March 2021 expenditures and revenue with the Board.

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

C/Leininger moved to approve Resolution 21-049: Authorizing the Chair to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with Hillsdale Hospital. There was some discussion. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

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

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

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

There was discussion regarding custodial staffing and having WebEx available for those citizens who wish to participate via that outlet.

C/Leininger moved to offer WebEx for the citizens to participate as long as it is in compliance with the Open Meetings Act. Second by C/Benzing. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

It was the consensus of the Board to hold a Special Meeting on May 14, 2021 in the Jury Room of the Hillsdale County Courthouse for the purpose of discussing the floor plan for said building.

C/Wiley gave an update on some items of interest. C/Wiley addressed Mr. Eichler's request for an apology. C/Wiley reinstated what had happened that day and feels that he does not owe an apology to Mr. Eichler.

11:36 a.m. Ms. Rahe and Mr. Sanford exited.

Under Additional Comments, C/Benzing and C/Leininger addressed a couple of items.

11:50 a.m. adjournment by call of the Chair.

Mark E. Wiley, Chair
Board of Commissioners

Marney M. Kast,
County Clerk