

The Regular Meeting of the Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners convened on June 8, 2021 at the Board of Commissioners Room, 33 McCollum Street, Suite 210, Hillsdale, Michigan.

Commissioner Wiley called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America by Commissioner Leininger.

<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	
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**AGENDA:**

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

Review & Correction/Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes - May 25, 2021

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

10:00 a.m. Public Hearing: Truth-in-Taxation Hearing

8. Committee Reports:

- A. FACILITIES/TECH/ECON DEVELOPMENT – DOUG INGLES**  
Discussion: Hillsdale County Planning Commission Ordinance
- B. BUDGET – KATHY SCHMITT**  
21-061: Winter Millages and County Allocated 2021
- C. HUMAN SERVICES – BRENT LEININGER**
- D. PUBLIC SAFETY/JUDICIARY – BRAD BENZING**
- E. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT/MANAGEMENT & PERSONNEL – MARK WILEY**

9. Public Comment
10. Additional Business
11. Adjournment

Public Present: Namrata Carolan, Chris Myers, Bob Eichler, Roy Bodinus, Nick Wheeler, Stephenie Kyser, Laura Rahe, and Glenn Fobel.

Under Public Comment, Namrata Carolan, Planning Commission Chairperson, discussed tentative approval of Planning Commission Ordinance 2021 and that she has a Public Hearing meeting notice ready to publish if the board approves.

Bob Eichler voiced concern over higher taxes and Public Notices being broadcast on local newspaper instead of radio. He also noted his concern over seeing county owned vehicles transporting county employees to and from work.

9:08 a.m. Bob Eichler exited.

C/Leininger moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by C/Ingles. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

C/Benzing moved to approve the Regular Agenda. Seconded by C/Schmitt. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

C/Ingles moved to set public hearing date for Hillsdale County Planning Commission Ordinance on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Seconded by C/Leininger. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

C/Ingles gave an update on items under his committee. There was much discussion.

9:26 a.m. Bob Eichler returned.

9:27 a.m. Bob Eichler and Nick Wheeler exited.

9:37 a.m. Bob Eichler and Nick Wheeler returned.

9:42 a.m. Namrata Carolan exited.

C/Leininger gave an update on items under his committee. There was some discussion.

C/Leininger moved to begin the Truth-in-Taxation Public Hearing at 10:00 a.m. Seconded by C/Ingles.  
Vote unanimous. CARRIED

Under Public Comment, Nick Wheeler, Director of Equalization, addressed the board and public giving a summary of the proposed 2021 levied property taxes.

Bob Eichler addressed the board speaking his concerns regarding property taxes in the county.

C/Leininger moved to close the Public Hearing. C/Schmitt seconded. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

C/Schmitt moved to adopt Resolution 21-061: Winter Millages and County Allocated 2021 with amended wording as presented by Treasurer Kyser. Last paragraph of resolution amended to: We recommend the several supervisors be authorized to spread on their respective ad-valorem tax rolls and special act tax rolls the above amount of county allocated and special voted millages apportioned to the several townships, villages and cities of the county as provided by statute. Seconded by C/Leininger. Roll Call Vote: C/Benzing – Yes, C/Leininger – Yes, C/Ingles – Yes, C/Schmitt – Yes, C/Wiley – Yes. Vote: 5-Yes, 0-No. CARRIED

C/Schmitt gave an update on items under her committee. There was some discussion.

C/Benzing gave an update on items under his committee. There was some discussion.

C/Wiley gave an update on items under his committee. There was some discussion.

Under Public Comment, Bob Eichler, Glenn Frobel, Chris Myers, and Roy Bodinus voiced their grievances regarding the Hillsdale County Road Commission.

Nick Wheeler updated the board regarding the county appointed designated assessor of record which is now officially approved by the State of Michigan.

Hillsdale County Treasurer, Stephenie Kyser, mentioned to the board that her office is looking for a new employee.

Under Additional Business, C/Schmitt, C/Leininger, C/Ingles, and C/Wiley each gave some closing thoughts.

11:05 a.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