

The Regular Meeting of the Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners convened on September 29, 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 September 14, 2021

21-098: PA 116: Mary K. Hand

21-099: Appointments to the Board of Canvassers

21-100: Demolition and Asbestos Abatement – Pittsford Township Property

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

9:05 a.m. Stephenie Kyser, County Treasurer – Updates

9:10 a.m. Keith O'Neil, Executive Director, Reading Emergency Unit, Introduction and Updates

8. Committee Reports:

A. PUBLIC SAFETY/JUDICIARY – BRAD BENZING

B. FACILITIES/TECH/ECON DEVELOPMENT – DOUG INGLES

C. BUDGET – KATHY SCHMITT

D. HUMAN SERVICES – BRENT LEININGER

Update: Property Issue

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

Discussion: Moving the October 12th meeting to the 11th (Monday) due to Clerk's Office Transitioning to New Court System

9. Public Comment
10. Additional Business
11. Adjournment

Present: Jon Paul Rudell, Stephenie Kyser, Laura Rahe, Keith O'Neil.

Under Public Comment, Jon Paul Rudell, Friend of the Court, complimented Derek Ringman, Finance Manager, on how well he works with the Department Heads.

C/Schmitt moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by C/Leininger. Vote Unanimous. CARRIED

There was some discussion on the Resolution from Delta County Opposing Senator Shirkey's gearing towards integration proposal and supporting Pathways Community Mental Health Services Program.

9:09 a.m. Tim Martin entered.

C/Benzing moved to approve the Regular Agenda. Second by C/Ingles. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

9:10 a.m. Stephenie Kyser, Hillsdale County Treasurer, addressed the Board regarding the replacement of employees in her office. She stated that she has had interviews and when they hear how much the pay is, they are no longer interested. In light of this she would like to move her Head Bookkeeper position from a Level 6 to a Level 7 and the Assistant Bookkeeper position from a Level 5 to a Level 6. She also stated that she is currently down to three employees and she has one out on a medical leave. She is asking the Board to support her in closing her office to the public up to two days per week until she can get employees hired.

C/Ingles moved to allow the Treasurer to close two half days per week with appointments and to respond to emails and phone messages within twenty-four hours through December 31, 2021. Second by C/Benzing. There was much discussion.

C/Leininger moved to amend the motion to allow the Treasurer to close her office up to two days per week as she sees fit until December 31, 2021. Second by C/Ingles. Vote on Amendment unanimous. CARRIED
Vote on Motion as amended unanimous. CARRIED

The matter of the level increases was referred to the Personnel Committee.

9:40 a.m. Ms. Kyser finished and exited.

9:41 a.m. Keith O'Neil, Executive Director, Reading Emergency Unit, gave an update on his ambulance service. He stated that this will be the first of many updates.

9:55 a.m. C/Wiley exited to attend a ZOOM meeting. C/Benzing took over the meeting.

10:12 a.m. Mr. O'Neil finished and recess was called.

10:22 a.m. back in session.

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

10:29 a.m. Mr. O'Neil exited.

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

10:31 a.m. C/Wiley returned to the meeting.

There was discussion regarding the quote received from K & T Construction to fix the façade at the jail. C/Ingles stated that another quote was expected but never received.

C/Leininger moved to authorize K & T Construction to fix the façade at the jail for \$17,447 and to have the funds taken from the Capitol Improvement Fund. Second by C/Benzing. Vote unanimous.

CARRIED

C/Ingles informed the Board that the Facilities Director would like to replace a janitorial person who had quit. There was some discussion.

C/Schmitt moved to allow the Facilities Director to replace the janitorial staff that quit. Second by C/Benzing. Vote unanimous.

CARRIED

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

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

C/Wiley informed the Board that the County Clerk's Office is requesting the Board of Commissioners move their October 12th meeting to October 11th. They are getting ready to transition to a new court system and need to close October 12, 13 and 14th for training.

C/Ingles moved to move their October 12, 2021 meeting to October 11, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Commissioners Room, 33 McCollum Street, Hillsdale, Michigan. Second by C/Benzing. There was some discussion. Vote: 4-Yes, 1-No (C/Leininger).

CARRIED

C/Wiley gave an update on items of interest.

Under Additional Business, C/Schmitt and C/Ingles made comments.

11:36 a.m. adjournment by call of the Chair.

Mark E. Wiley, Chair
Board of Commissioners

Marney M. Kast,
County Clerk