

The Regular Meeting of the Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners convened on November 9, 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 Wiley.

<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 Wiley
3. Public Comment
4. Consent Agenda:

Review & Correction/Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of October 26, 2021  
21-109: Payroll, Payables & Transfers – October 2021

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

9:10 a.m. Steve May, Executive Director of River Raisin Watershed Council – Information  
9:30 a.m. Dominick Arcuri, Televate – Hillsdale County Public Safety Radio System  
Recommendations and Transition Plan

8. Committee Reports:

- A. HUMAN SERVICES – BRENT LEININGER**  
21-110: Payment to Human Services Network of Hillsdale
- B. PUBLIC SAFETY/JUDICIARY – BRAD BENZING**
- C. FACILITIES/TECH/ECON DEVELOPMENT – DOUG INGLES**  
Discussion: Courthouse Roof
- D. BUDGET – KATHY SCHMITT**  
21-111: Amended FY22 Public Defender Administrator Services Contract
- E. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT/MANAGEMENT & PERSONNEL – MARK WILEY**

9. Public Comment
10. Additional Business
11. Adjournment

Present: John Bradley, Jason Smith, Steve May, Ruth Brown and Laura Rahe.

Under Public Comment, Ruth Brown informed the Board that Saturday, November 20, 2021 is a Survivors of Suicide Loss Luncheon at the Michindoh Conference Center. She stated that it is open to everyone and the cost is free. They ask only that you register so there is a head count for the food.

Jason Smith introduced himself to the Board. He is the new Litchfield City Manager.

9:10 a.m. Ms. Brown exited.

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

C/Schmitt moved to approve the Regular Agenda with the removal of Resolution 21-111. Second by C/Leininger. C/Schmitt stated that it was discovered that Resolution 21-111 was not needed. Vote unanimous.

CARRIED

9:14 a.m. Steve May, Executive Director of the River Raisin Watershed Council, addressed the Board with what they do and how they are funded.

9:28 a.m. Tim Martin entered.

9:29 a.m. Mr. May finished his presentation and exited.

Dominick Arcuri from Televate, LLC gave his report on the Public Safety Radio System Recommendations and Transition Plan via WebEx. In summary the cost of this updated system will be approximately twelve million dollars with an annual operating cost of \$172,000. There was some discussion.

10:28 a.m. Mr. Arcuri finished his presentation and exited. Recess was called.

9:35 a.m. back in session.

C/Leininger moved to approve Resolution 21-110: Payment of \$125.00 to the Human Services Network for annual dues. Support by C/Benzing. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

10:38 a.m. Derek Ringman entered.

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

10:41 a.m. Mr. Ringman exited.

10:43 a.m. Mr. Ringman re-entered.

C/Benzing addressed the Board stating he needed better direction on how to proceed with replacing the 911 Director. He stated at the last meeting the Board voted down the salary recommended by the 911 Board and voted on a lower amount. The Board also wanted to combine the 911 Director and the Emergency Management Director. C/Benzing would like clarification as to whether they want this to be two separate jobs or a combined job. There was a very lengthy discussion.

11:05 a.m. Laura Rahe exited.

C/Ingles moved to have the 911 Director and the Emergency Services Director be two separate positions and that the Management and Personnel Committee bring back information for the Emergency Management Position. Second by C/Leininger. Roll Call Vote: C/Benzing – Yes, C/Leininger – Yes, C/Ingles – Yes, C/Schmitt – No, C/Benzing – Yes. Vote: 4-Yes, 1-No. CARRIED

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

C/Benzing moved to accept the report from Televate, LLC and place it on file. Second by C/Leininger. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

11:34 a.m. C/Benzing exited.

C/Ingles informed the Board that the issues with the HVAC System at the Courthouse are being worked on and the Jail façade is finished and came in on budget.

C/Ingles asked Mr. Finley to discuss the Courthouse Roof. Mr. Finley stated that he has an estimate from Signal Restoration, who has worked on our roof before. These are the quotes that were given. He stated that these quotes are only to give the Board an idea of what the costs may be when they decide to go for bids. The cost of the domes are not included.

Option 1 – Standing Seam Metal, \$340,750.00.

Option 2 – Concrete Tile Roof System, \$335,675.00.

Option 3 – Metal Tile Roof System, \$348,725.00.

Mr. Finley stated that he would prefer the Metal Tile. He stated that Standing Seam is great but there is no way to prevent slide off of snow in the winter which could be very dangerous.

David Holcomb, IT Director, informed the Board that the internet connection contract with MERIT is expiring at the end of this month. He stated that they only have five year contracts and therefore needs the Boards permission to sign the new contract. There was some discussion.

C/Leininger moved to authorize the IT Director to proceed with the five year contract with MERIT for 100Mb with a follow up Resolution at the next meeting. Second by C/Schmitt. Vote: 4-Yes, 0-No, 1-Absent. CARRIED

C/Schmitt moved to sign the contract with Guidehouse for consulting regarding ARPA Money not to exceed \$50,000 and to allow Mr. Ringman to sign the registration form from CoPro through MAC. Second by C/Ingles. Vote: 4-Yes, 0-No, 1-Absent. CARRIED

C/Schmitt gave an update on items under her committee including the 2022 Draft General Fund Budget. There was some discussion.

12:17 p.m. Mr. Ringman exited.

C/Wiley gave an update on items of interest.

Under Public Comment, John Bradley from Great Lakes Communications, introduced himself to the Board and explained that his company would be interested in the county's proposed 911 radio system. He stated that they did a contract with Branch County's radio system.

12:25 p.m. adjournment by call of the Chair.

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Mark E. Wiley, Chair  
Board of Commissioners

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Marney Kast,  
County Clerk