

The Regular Meeting of the Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners convened on December 14, 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 November 23, 2021

21-120: Payroll, Payables and Transfers – November 2021

21-121: Deputy Recruitment Policy

21-122: Authorize Chair to Sign Family Court (Probate and Juvenile) Legal Services Contract – Doxtader

21-123: Authorization of Payroll Deductions – Sheriff's Office

21-124: Authorize Payment to MGT of America Consulting, LLC – Prosecuting Attorney and Friend of the Court

21-125: Payment to Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority – 07/01/2021 to 07/01/2022

21-126: Authorize Chair to Sign Probate Legal Services Contract – Lovinger & Thompson

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

9:00 a.m. Maribeth Leonard, CEO, LifeWays – Quarterly Report

10:00 a.m. Public Hearing – 2022 General Fund Budget and 2022 Special Revenue, Debt Retirement, Capital Project Fund and Enterprise Fund Budgets

8. Committee Reports:

A. FACILITIES/TECH/ECON DEVELOPMENT – DOUG INGLES

B. BUDGET – KATHY SCHMITT

21-127: Payment to Griffiths Mechanical Inc.

21-128: Approval of General Fund Budget – 2022

21-129: Approval of Special Revenue, Debt Retirement, Capital Project Funds and Enterprise Fund Budgets - 2022

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

Present: Shannon Clevenger, Karla Adams, Dustin Adams, Kelley Mapes, Maribeth Leonard, Penny Swan, Stephanie Kyser and Laura Rahe.

Under Public Comment, Penny Swan commented on the ZOOM meeting that was held by the Health Department and suggests that they hold their meetings somewhere where the public can attend without being required to wear a mask.

Karla Adams addressed the board regarding a denial of a FOIA request that was made to the Health Department.

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

C/Leininger moved to approve the Regular Agenda with the addition of a Closed Session at the end of the meeting but before Public Comment and the addition of Resolution 21-131: Opposing Senate Bills 597 and 598 regarding the privatization of mental health services under the Chairperson's Report. Second by C/Ingles. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

9:14 a.m. Maribeth Leonard, CEO, LifeWays reviewed her quarterly report with the Board. She also discussed what Senate Bills 597 and 598 would mean to their agency and the clients they serve.

Penny Swan exited.

9:27 a.m. Randy Finley entered.

C/Wiley moved to approve Resolution 21-131: Authorizing the Chair to sign the attachment opposing Senate Bills 597 and 598 regarding the privatization of mental health services. Second by C/Leininger.

C/Leininger moved to Table the Resolution. Second by C/Benzing. Vote unanimous. TABLED

9:38 a.m. Ms. Leonard finished and exited along with Ms. Clevenger.

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

There was discussion regarding the purchase of a side-by-side for the Facilities Department for plowing snow and other related items. Mr. Finley, Facilities Director stated that he would like to purchase a Mule Pro-MX EPS in the amount of \$16,818.00. There was much discussion.

C/Ingles moved to allow Mr. Finley to proceed with the purchase. Second by C/Benzing. C/Schmitt stated that the funds will come from the Contingency Fund. Roll Call Vote: C/Ingles – Yes, C/Schmitt – Yes, C/Wiley – Yes, C/Benzing – Yes, C/Leininger – No. Vote: 4-Yes, 1-No. CARRIED

9:59 a.m. C/Leininger moved to open the Public Hearing on the 2022 General Fund Budget and the 2022 Special Revenue, Debt Retirement, Capital Project and Enterprise Fund Budgets Second by C/Benzing. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

Kelley Mapes had questions regarding the formula used for the allocation to the Health Department. There was much discussion.

Stephenie Kyser, Hillsdale County Treasurer, stated that she opposes the \$2,000.00 stipend for the County Clerk. She handed out a copy of the law and stated that she believes that it is her job to act as the Board secretary. There was some discussion.

Karla Adams inquired as to what kind of increases has been given from 2018-2022 for Mental Health Services. There was some discussion.

10:27 a.m. David Holcomb entered.

10:46 a.m. C/Benzing moved to close the Public Hearing. Second by C/Leininger. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

Mr. Holcomb exited.

C/Schmitt moved to approve Resolution 21-128: Approval of the 2022 General Fund Budget. Second by C/Leininger.

C/Leininger moved to eliminate the \$2,000.00 stipend for the County Clerk, account number 101.00-215-702.015 and increasing the Capital Project Fund 101.00-901-999.028 by \$2,000.00. Second by C/Benzing. Roll Call Vote: C/Schmitt – No, C/Wiley – No, C/Benzing – Yes, C/Leininger – Yes, C/Ingles – Yes. Vote: 3-Yes, 2-No. CARRIED

C/Leininger moved to amend the General Fund Budget to eliminate the \$2,000.00 stipend to the Finance Director for managing the Health Insurance account number 101.00-191-704.000 and increasing the salary of the Finance Director by \$2,000.00 account number 101.00-191-703.000. Second by C/Ingles. Roll call Vote: C/Wiley – No, C/Benzing – No, C/Leininger – Yes, C/Ingles – No, C/Schmitt – No. Vote: 1-Yes, 4-No. FAILED
Roll Call Vote on Resolution 21-128 as amended. C/Benzing – Yes, C/Leininger – Yes, C/Ingles – Yes, C/Schmitt – Yes, C/Wiley – Yes. Vote: 5-Yes, 0-No. CARRIED

C/Schmitt moved to approve Resolution 21-129: 2022 Special Revenue Funds, Debt Retirement Funds, Capital Project Funds and Enterprise Funds Budgets. Second by C/Benzing. Roll Call Vote: C/Leininger – Yes, C/Ingles – Yes, C/Schmitt – Yes, C/Wiley – Yes, C/Benzing – Yes. Vote: 5-Yes, 0-No. CARRIED

C/Schmitt moved to approve Resolution 21-127: Payment to Griffiths Mechanical in the amount of \$87,379.70. Second by C/Leininger. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

11:15 a.m. Mr. Finley exited.

11:18 a.m. Mr. Finley re-entered.

C/Schmitt moved to suspend the Board Rules and change the Organizational Meeting to Thursday, January 6, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at the County Office Building, Conference Room, 33 McCollum Street, Hillsdale, Michigan. Second by C/Ingles. Roll Call Vote: C/Ingles – Yes, C/Schmitt – Yes, C/Wiley – Yes, C/Benzing – Yes, C/Leininger – Yes. Vote: 5-Yes, 0-No. CARRIED

11:21 a.m. recess.

11:28 a.m. back in session.

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

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

11:59 a.m. Lance Lashaway entered.

C/Wiley gave an update on items of interest.

12:12 p.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/Schmitt – Yes, C/Wiley – Yes, C/Benzing – Yes, C/Leininger – Yes, C/Ingles. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

12:28 p.m. back in session.

Under Public Comment, Stephenie Kyser, Hillsdale County Treasurer, gave an update on how closing two days per week is helping. She stated that she would like to remain closed two days per week thru February. After some discussion she stated that thru January would be good as well.

Karla Adams commented the cost of purchasing new radios in regards to switching to 800mghz 911 system.

12:37 p.m. adjournment by call of the Chair.

Mark E. Wiley, Chair
Board of Commissioners

Marney M. Kast,
County Clerk