

The Organizational Meeting of the Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners convened on January 6, 2022 in the Board of Commissioners Room, 33 McCollum Street, Suite 210, Hillsdale, Michigan.

Hillsdale County Clerk, Marney Kast called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America by Clerk Kast.

<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. Roll Call
2. Prayer & Pledge by Marney M. Kast, County Clerk
3. Election of Chairperson – Oath of Office by Marney M. Kast, County Clerk
4. Election of Vice Chairperson – Oath of Office by Marney M. Kast, County Clerk
5. Approval of the Agenda
6. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of December 28, 2021
7. Approval of Meeting Dates and Times
8. Appointments to Standing Committees
9. Adoption of Rules of Procedures
10. Public Comment
11. Other Business
12. Adjournment

Present: David Holcomb.

County Clerk Marney Kast asked for a motion to elect the Chairperson by Secret Ballot if that was the desire of the Board.

C/Ingles moved to elect the Chairperson by Secret Ballot. Second by C/Leininger. Vote unanimous. **CARRIED**

Clerk Kast appointed Deputy Clerk Jody Stott and IT Director David Holcomb as tellers. Ballots were handed out and collected. Ms. Stott and Mr. Holcomb went into the Commissioner's office to tally the votes. Upon entry back into the conference room, it was declared Mark Wiley would be the 2022 Chairperson.

Clerk Kast gave the Oath of Office for Chairperson to Commissioner Wiley and turned the meeting over to him.

C/Wiley asked for nominations for Vice Chairperson.

C/Leininger nominated C/Ingles.

C/Schmitt nominated C/Benzing.

C/Leininger moved to close the nominations. Second by C/Schmitt. Vote unanimous. **CARRIED**

Roll Call Vote on the nomination for C/Ingles for Vice Chairperson: C/Ingles – Yes, C/Schmitt – No, C/Wiley – No, C/Benzing – No, C/Leininger – Yes. Vote: 2-Yes, 3-No. **FAILED**

Roll Call Vote on the nomination for C/Benzing as Vice Chairperson: C/Schmitt – Yes, C/Wiley – Yes, C/Benzing – Yes, C/Leininger – No, C/Ingles – Yes. Vote: 4-Yes, 1-No **CARRIED**

Clerk Kast gave the Oath of Office for Vice Chairperson to C/Benzing.

9:09 a.m. Mr. Holcomb and Clerk Kast exited.

C/Leininger moved to approve the Agenda. Second by C/Schmitt. Vote unanimous. **CARRIED**

C/Benzing moved to approve the Minutes of December 28, 2021. Second by C/Leininger. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

C/Leininger moved to approve the Meeting Dates and Times for the year 2022. Second by C/Ingles. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

C/Schmitt moved to approve the Standing Committees. Second by C/Leininger. There was some discussion. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

C/Leininger moved to approve the Rules of Procedures. Second by C/Schmitt. There was some discussion. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

Under Other Business:

C/Leininger moved to allow the County Treasure to continue closing to the public on Tuesdays and Thursdays thru the month of January 2022. Second by C/Ingles. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

C/Wiley brought to the attention of the Board that Resolution 21-096 which handled how employees affected by COVID were to be handled has expired.

C/Benzing moved to extend Resolution 21-096 until December 31, 2022. Second by C/Schmitt. There was a very lengthy discussion regarding this issue. It was determined that the policy that is in place are addressed in both the Employee Handbook Union Contracts. Vote on Motion 0-Yes, 5-No. FAILED

There was much discussion regarding the Employee Handbook. C/Wiley stated that it should be ready for approval at the first meeting in February.

10:06 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