

The Regular Meeting of the Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners convened on March 29, 2022 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 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	

AGENDA:

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

Review/Correction/Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of March 8, 2022
22-037: Amended Authorization – Local Unit of Government Match without Donated Funds
22-038: Payment to Broadspire Services, Inc. – January 1, 2022 through January 1, 2023
22-039: Approval of Operational Telephone Surcharge E-911
22-041: Budget Amendment – Sheriff's Grant
22-042: Vacant Lot Property – Pittsford Township
22-043: Approval of Hillsdale County Main Security Manual

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

9:10 a.m. Dr. Bader Cassin, Medical Examiner, Lenawee and Hillsdale Counties
Informational and Medical Examiner Report
9:40 a.m. Judge Michelle Bianchi, Probate Judge and Tim Dixon, Juvenile Court Administrator
Discussion: New Position – County Counselor
10:00 a.m. Randy Finley, Maintenance Director – Courthouse Roof and Renovation Project

8. Committee Reports:

A. PUBLIC SAFETY/JUDICIARY – BRAD BENZING
Discussion: Ambulance Contracts
22-040: Authorize Director of E911 to replace the non-functional lighting system with a new dual LED tower lighting system

B. FACILITIES/TECH/ECON DEVELOPMENT – DOUG INGLES
Discussion: Report on Courthouse Project
Road Commission/Public Hearing

C. BUDGET – KATHY SCHMITT
Discussion: MERS Retiree Health Funding Vehicle (RHFV) – Adoption Documents

D. HUMAN SERVICES – BRENT LEININGER

E. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT/MANAGEMENT & PERSONNEL – MARK WILEY
Update: MAC Legislative Conference

9. Public Comment
10. Additional Business
11. Adjournment

Present: Dr. Bader Cassin, Dennis McClain, Allison Grimm, Ezra Bertakis, Mary Bertakis, John Schelling and Bob Eichler.

Under Public Comment, Dennis McClain, President of the Farmer's Market, addressed the Board regarding the Farmer's Market request to use the Courthouse Parking Lot again this year.

Bob Eichler addressed the Board regarding the millages that will be on the ballot.

Mr. Eichler exited and re-entered several times throughout the meeting.

9:05 a.m. Judge Bianchi entered.

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

C/Benzing moved to approve the Regular Agenda with the addition of Resolution 22-044 under Facilities.

Second by C/Leininger. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

9:06 a.m. Dr. Bader Cassin, Medical Examiner for Hillsdale and Lenawee Counties, presented the Board with his 2021 Annual Report.

9:07 a.m. Karla and Dustin Adams, Kelley Mapes and Randy Finley entered.

Mary Jo Dunlap entered and exited several times throughout the meeting.

9:22 a.m. Judge Bianchi exited.

9:28 a.m. Laura Rahe entered and Judge Bianchi re-entered.

9:31 a.m. Tim Dixon entered.

Kelley Mapes exited and re-entered several times throughout the meeting.

9:46 a.m. Dr. Cassin finished and exited.

Karla Adams exited and re-entered several times throughout the meeting.

Judge Bianchi and Tim Dixon addressed the Board regarding the creation of a County Counselor. They stated that they have a current Juvenile Probation Officer who has finished her Masters in Counseling and would like to have this position. If allowed to do this then they would need to hire a new Probation Officer. The cost to the county would be a wash. There was a very lengthy discussion.

C/Benzing moved to allow Probate Court to create the position of County Counselor for the Juvenile Court and to submit the documentation to fund this position and a job description to the Board of Commissioners as soon as possible. Second by C/Wiley. Roll Call Vote: C/Wiley – Yes, C/Benzing – Yes, C/Leininger – No, C/Ingles – Yes, C/Schmitt – Yes. Vote: 4-Yes, 1-No. CARRIED

10:28 a.m. Judge Bianchi and Mr. Dixon finished. Mr. Dixon exited.

Randy Finley, Facilities Director presented the Board with a plan for the repairs to the Courthouse Roof. Mr. Finley stated that he had two Contractors and two Management Companies respond. He would prefer to use a Contractor. Mr. Finley recommends Renaissance for the work. There was a lengthy discussion.

10:31 a.m. Mr. Whitaker exited.

10:33 a.m. Mr. Whitaker re-entered.

Dustin Adams exited and re-entered several times throughout the meeting.

C/Ingles moved to accept the bid for the Courthouse Roof from Renaissance in the amount of \$307,500 plus ten percent contingency and authorizing Randy Finley to sign the contract. Second by C/Leininger. Roll Call Vote: C/Benzing – No, C/Leininger – Yes, C/Ingles – Yes, C/Schmitt – Yes, C/Wiley – Yes. Vote: 4-Yes, 1-No. CARRIED

C/Ingles moved to accept the bid from Renaissance to replace the roof over the elevator addition on the Courthouse in the amount of \$65,000 plus a ten percent contingency and authorizing Randy Finley to sign the contract. Second by C/Leininger. 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/Ingles moved to accept the bid from Renaissance to replace the gutters on the Courthouse in the amount of \$152,000 plus a ten percent contingency and authorizing Randy Finley to sign the contract. Second by C/Benzing. There was some discussion regarding who keeps the scrap copper. Roll Call Vote: C/Ingles – Yes, C/Schmitt – Yes, C/Wiley – Yes, C/Benzing – Yes, C/Leininger – Yes. Vote: 5-Yes, 0-No. CARRIED

C/Ingles moved to accept the bid from Renaissance for an existing condition report on the exterior of the Courthouse in the amount of \$23,750 and authorize Randy Finley to sign the contract. Second by C/Leininger. Roll Call Vote: C/Schmitt – Yes, C/Wiley – Yes, C/Benzing – Yes, C/Leininger – Yes, C/Ingles – Yes. Vote: 5-Yes, 0-No. CARRIED

11:02 a.m. Mr. Finley and Mr. Schelling exited.

The Board requested follow up Resolutions on the above motions.

C/Ingles moved to approve resolution 22-044: Allowing the Farmer's Market to exclusively be allowed to operate in the Courthouse Parking Lot including the Gazebo and adjacent grounds on Saturday mornings, May 7, 2022 through October 29, 2022 from 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Second by C/Schmitt. Roll Call Vote: C/Wiley – Yes, C/Benzing – Yes, C/Leininger – No, C/Ingles – Yes, C/Schmitt – Yes. Vote: 4-Yes, 1-No. CARRIED

11:06 a.m. Members of the Farmer's Market exited.

C/Ingles gave background information on the Road Commissions in the State of Michigan. He stated that forty-three counties have three member boards, thirty-three have five member boards and seven are under the control of the County Board of Commissioners. C/Ingles read the statute that explains what the options are regarding the makeup of the Road Commission.

C/Ingles moved to hold a Public Hearing to alter the number of Road Commissioners on Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. and Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Second 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/Ingles moved to hold a Public Hearing to determine transferring the duties of the County Road Commission to the County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. Second by C/Benzing. There was much discussion. Roll Call Vote: C/Leininger – Yes, C/Ingles – Yes, C/Schmitt – No, C/Wiley – No, C/Benzing – Yes. Vote: 3-Yes, 2-No. CARRIED

C/Benzing moved to approve Resolution 22-040: Supporting the Emergency Telephone Services Board decision in awarding Great Lakes Tower & Antenna Company the bid to repair the Hillsdale Radio Tower in the amount of \$14,915.00. Second by C/Wiley. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

C/Benzing moved to appoint himself and C/Leininger to review the Ambulance Contracts. Second by C/Leininger. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

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

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

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

C/Wiley gave an update on items of interest.

Under Public Comment, Karla Adams commented on why the public can't get responses from the Board during Public Comment and feels that mental health dollars should go back to the parents who have children in trouble to help them.

Kelley Mapes spoke regarding the Solar Panel farm, why we do not have dispensaries in Hillsdale, the Courthouse Roof and bricks. She feels that the mental health dollars should be given to the courts.

Mary Jo Dunlap thanked the Board for taking care of the building in Pittsford Township and for accepting her bid.

Judge Bianchi addressed the Board regarding the acoustics in her courtroom. She stated that she can no longer have someone do transcripts because of the sound quality. She stated that it is of utmost importance that this be taken care of.

Bob Eichler asked the Board to look at the millages closely.
12:13 p.m. adjournment by call of the Chair.
1:00 p.m. back in session.

AGENDA
Tuesday, March 29, 2022
1:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Kentwood Presentation
3. Motorola Presentation
4. Public Comment
5. Adjournment

Present: Jon Shew, Eric Stephenson, Kyle Shew, Kyle Alexander, Kelly Klefeker, Jim Bowers, Ted Hurley, Joe Campbell, Rich Melbow, Brad Stoddard, Thomas Whitaker, Mindy Sienko, Rick Hochstedler, Rich Uslan, Mike Armitage, Chris Kuhl, Ishaan Kohli, Bill Irwin, Markus Spielhaupter, Alex Anklam, Steve Kutsch, Frank Galvin, Jason Smith, Keith Bancroft, Lt. Andy Stoner, Tommy Smith and Nathan Lambright.

C/Wiley informed all who were present that we are here to receive presentations and open bids in regards to the 800mghz for E-911 and Emergency Services.

1:06 p.m. Ted Hurley from J & K Communications, Inc. was the first to present their proposal.

2:12 p.m. Mr. Hurley and his team finished with their presentation.

2:17 p.m. Bill Irwin from Motorola Solutions, Inc. presented their proposal to the Board. Their proposal would have the county using MPSCS (Michigan Public Safety Communications System).

3:27 p.m. Mr. Irwin and his team finished with their presentation.

The Board then conducted a question and answer period with both companies present.

The Board opened the bids as follows:

Base Bid from J & K Communications Inc., \$8,813,998.97

Base Bid from Motorola Solutions, Inc., \$9,698,967.00

C/Wiley thanked all who attended and stated that there was much to review and that they will be in contact if there are any questions.

4:14 p.m. adjournment by call of the Chair.

Mark E. Wiley, Chair
Board of Commissioners

Marney M. Kast,
County Clerk