

The Regular Meeting of the Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners convened at the Michigan State University Extension Conference Room, 20 Care Drive, Hillsdale, Michigan on November 12, 2003.

Commissioner Lautzenheiser called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Prayer and Pledge by Commissioner Britton.

<u>ROLL CALL:</u>	<u>DISTRICT:</u>	<u>PRESENT:</u>	<u>ABSENT:</u>
	1.	Parke Hayes	
	2.	Glen Ruder	
	3.	Olin Hinkle	
	4.		Maxine Vanlerberg
	5.	Alice Britton	
	6.	Kenneth Lautzenheiser	
	7.	Andy Welden	

**AGENDA:**

1. Roll Call
2. Prayer & Pledge by Commissioner Britton
3. Oath of Office – Parke Hayes
4. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of October 28, 2003
5. Approve Agenda
6. Public Comment
7. Correspondence – Listed
8. Appointments:

9:30 A.M. 211 Report, Joan Sheldon, Rich LaPratt, Phil Hayne

Committee Reports:

- A. **BUILDING AND GROUNDS – GLEN RUDER**  
Building Rental  
Elevator Report
  - B. **FINANCE/MANAGEMENT – OLIN HINKLE**  
03-110: HSN Dues  
Bear Lake Property  
Health Insurance  
2004 Budget
  - C. **HUMAN SERVICES – MAXINE VANLERBERG**  
Hazard Mitigation Plan Meeting
  - D. **PUBLIC SAFETY/JUDICIARY – ANDY WELDEN**  
Soil Erosion Ad-Hoc Committee
  - E. **SENIOR AND COMMUNITY SERVICES – ALICE BRITTON**  
NACO Conference Report
  - F. **TECHNOLOGY AND ECON DEVELOPMENT – PARKE HAYES**  
Somerset Township Meeting  
Parks Commission Report
9. Chairperson's Report  
MAC Update  
Attrition Discussion  
Special Meeting for Strategic Plan
  10. New Business
  11. Public Comment
  12. Adjournment

Present: Thomas C. Mohr, Mark Williams, Roger Keller and Mark Nichols.

Thomas C. Mohr, Hillsdale County Clerk gave the Oath of Office to Parke Hayes.

C/Ruder moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 28, 2003 with one correction. Charles McKeown's last name was omitted. Support by C/Hayes.  
Vote: 6-Yes, 0-No, 1-Absent. CARRIED

C/Hayes moved to approve the Agenda with the following additions: Closed Session regarding Union Negotiations under Finance, Potawatomi RC & D Report under Judiciary, Discussion on Plaques for the Veterans under Chairperson's Report, Discussion on a Rally regarding the opposing for cutting State Revenue Sharing under

Technology and Econ Development and an update on a meeting in Lenawee County regarding Drains under Building and Grounds. Support by C/Welden. Vote: 6-Yes, 0-No, 1-Absent. CARRIED

Under Public Comment, Mark Williams, MSU Extension Director informed the Board that Charles McKeown will be starting as the GIS Director on November 24, 2003.

Mr. Williams also informed the Board that Michigan State has been informed that Governor Granholm is considering cutting Extension Budgets. He is asking this Board to write letters and make calls to stop this from happening. There was much discussion.

9:15 a.m. Bob Simon entered.

9:19 a.m. Mr. Williams exited.

C/Ruder informed the Board that he attended a meeting in Lenawee County regarding the purifying of water that runs off from the spreading of manure. There was some discussion.

9:20 a.m. Rick LaPratt, Joan Sheldon and Gary Leininger entered.

C/Ruder informed the Board that he has the final plans on the Elevator. He stated that they will be in the office if anyone would like to review them.

9:28 a.m. Phil Hayne entered.

9:35 a.m. Dave Holcomb entered.

C/Ruder informed the Board that they will need to discuss what they would like to charge for rent for the building on the corner of Broad and McCollum Streets. There was some discussion.

9:40 a.m. Phil Hayne, Joan Sheldon and Rich LaPratt addressed the Board regarding a 211 Service. Mr. Hayne stated that this is an information number and that it has been very successful in Jackson County. There was much discussion on this issue.

10:20 a.m. Mr. Hayne, Mr. LaPratt and Ms. Sheldon finished. C/Lautzenheiser called a recess.

10:32 a.m. back in session.

C/Ruder opened the two bids that were received in regards to the Bear Lake Property. Bid #1 was from Ken Matzke in the amount of \$6001.00 and \$250.00 for the tank. Bid #2 was from Bob Simon in the amount of \$10,000 and \$500 for the tank.

C/Hayes moved to accept the bid of \$10,500 from Bob Simon. Support by C/Ruder. Vote: 6-Yes, 0-No, 1-Absent. CARRIED

C/Hinkle moved to approve resolution 03-110: Payment of \$220 for annual dues to the Human Services Network. Support by C/Welden. Roll Call Vote: C/Britton – Yes, C/Lautzenheiser – Yes, C/Welden – Yes, C/Hayes – Yes, C/Ruder – Yes, C/Hinkle – Yes, C/Vanlerberg – Absent. Vote: 6-Yes, 0-No, 1-Absent. CARRIED

10:40 a.m. C/Hinkle moved to go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Union Negotiations. Support by C/Hayes. Roll Call Vote: C/Lautzenheiser – Yes, C/Welden – Yes, C/Hayes – Yes, C/Ruder – Yes, C/Hinkle – Yes, C/Vanlerberg – Absent, C/Britton – Yes. Vote: 6-Yes, 0-No, 1-Absent. CARRIED

11:17 a.m. back in regular session.

There was lengthy discussion regarding the 2004 proposed budget.

Gary Leininger, County Treasurer, informed those present that the money that is generated from the Earth Change Permits is now being kept in the Building Inspection Budget. He stated that originally it was kept in the General Fund. There was some discussion.

C/Hayes informed the Board that on November 17, 2003 at noon, there will be a Rally protesting further cuts in Revenue Sharing from the State of Michigan.

C/Hayes also informed the Board that there will be a meeting on November 20, 2003 with Somerset Township regarding the Mapping and Equalization Fees.

C/Hayes also stated that the Parks Commission will absorb the cost of their new truck. He also stated that they still have major concerns regarding the Kathi/Cali Park.

C/Hayes presented the Board with a proposed resolution that honors Josh Perrin for his outstanding achievements in Cross Country and Track. There was some discussion.

C/Hayes moved to approve the above proposed resolution. Support by C/Welden. Vote: 6-Yes, 0-No, 1-Absent. CARRIED

C/Welden gave brief updates on the Soil Erosion Ad Hoc Committee Meeting and the Potawatomi RC & D Council Meeting.

C/Britton gave a brief overview of the NACO Health and Human Services and Workforce Conference she recently attended.

C/Britton informed the Board that the Health Department has Parenting Classes every Tuesday and Thursday and that they have to use the room located next to this one, therefore, the Board may want to consider holding their meetings at another location. There was some discussion. It was the consensus of the Board to hold their meetings at another location.

C/Lautzenheiser reviewed with the Board the MAC Legislative Update.

C/Lautzenheiser suggested that due to the tight budget situation that they initiate attrition. He stated that if someone leaves employment with the County that position would not be replaced without specific consent of this Board. There was much discussion on this issue.

C/Lautzenheiser stated that Mr. Roger Yoder asked if the Board could prepare a Resolution honoring the Veterans that were honored on Veterans Day. There was some discussion. It was the consensus of the Board to present a Resolution for each Veteran.

C/Lautzenheiser informed the Board that there needs to be a Special Meeting to review the Strategic Plan. There was some discussion. It was the consensus of the Board to hold the Special Meeting at 1:00 p.m. on November 25, 2003.

There was more discussion regarding the rent of the Cornerstone Building.

C/Ruder moved to rent the two apartments and the two stores for \$450 each per month plus the current set up on the utilities thru October 31, 2004. Support by C/Hayes.  
Vote: 6-Yes, 0-No, 1-Absent. CARRIED

Under Public Comment, Mark Nichols made some brief comments on today's meeting.

12:30 p.m. adjournment by call of the Chair.

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Kenneth E. Lautzenheiser, Chairman  
Board of Commissioners

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Thomas C. Mohr,  
County Clerk