

The Regular Meeting of the Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners convened on August 27, 2013 in the Board of Commissioners Room, 29 N. Howell Street, Hillsdale, Michigan.

Commissioner Burtka called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America by Commissioner Benzing.

<u>ROLL CALL:</u>	<u>DISTRICT:</u>	<u>PRESENT:</u>	<u>ABSENT:</u>
	1.	Ruth Brown	
	2.	Mark Wiley	
	3.	Brad Benzing	
	4.		Andy Welden
	5.	John Burtka	

AGENDA:

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

Review & Correction/Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of August 13, 2013
13-100: Commissioner Replacement on Region II Area Agency on Aging
13-101: PA116 for Eric & Marsha Marshall (PN 30-05-019-200-004 19 6 4)
13-102: PA116 for Eric & Marsha Marshall (PN 30-05-018-300-006 18 6 4)

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

9:10 a.m. Maribeth Leonard (Caldwell), CEO - Lifeways Quarterly Report
9:30 a.m. Bill Word, Drain Commissioner & Randy Rumsey, Engineer
Baw Beese Lake Level Assessment
9:45 a.m. Michelle Bianchi, Probate Judge, DHS Child Care Fund Deficit
10:00 a.m. JoAnne Miller, Historical Society, Display of Military Uniforms

8. Committee Reports:
 - A. **FINANCE - ANDY WELDEN**
 - B. **HUMAN SERVICES/JUDICIARY - BRAD BENZING**
 - C. **FACILITIES/TECH/ECON DEVELOPMENT - RUTH BROWN**
13-103: Special Assessment District for Baw Beese Lake
 - D. **PUBLIC SAFETY - MARK WILEY**
13-089: Compensation for Elected & Appointed Dept Heads (TABLED)
 - E. **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT/MGMT & PERSONNEL - JOHN BURTKA**
9. Public Comment
10. Additional Business
11. Adjournment

Present: Maribeth Leonard, Andy Barrand, Vickie Reynolds-Boyd, Bill Word and Randy Rumsey.

Under Public Comment, Bill Word, Drain Commissioner gave a brief update on Drain activity.

9:04 a.m. C/Wiley entered.

C/Benzing moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the addition of Resolution 13-104: Setting the 2014 Appropriation for the Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph Health Agency at \$4.42 per capita. Second by C/Brown. Vote: 4-Yes, 1-Absent. **CARRIED**

9:06 a.m. Maribeth Leonard, CEO Lifeways, updated the Board on what has been happening at Lifeways.

9:17 a.m. Ms. Leonard finished and exited.

9:18 a.m. Bill Word and Randy Rumsey addressed the Board regarding the next step in establishing a Lake Level Assessment for Baw Beese Lake.

C/Brown moved to approve Resolution 13-103: Directing Legal Counsel to file a petition in Circuit Court for establishing a Special Assessment District to defray cost of maintaining the lake level at Baw Beese Lake. Second by C/Benzing. Vote: 4-Yes, 0-No, 1-Absent.

CARRIED

9:29 a.m. Mr. Word and Mr. Rumsey exited.

There was a unanimous approval of the Regular Agenda.

C/Benzing gave an update on items under his committee. There was a lengthy discussion regarding Community Mental Health and the funding of Lifeways.

9:41 a.m. Judge Bianchi entered.

9:42 a.m. Bill Word, Bob Sawyer and JoAnne Miller entered.

C/Benzing moved to have the Chair answer the letter from the Department of Community Mental Health stating that Hillsdale County has fully funded Lifeways our Community Mental Health Authority for fiscal year 2012 at the amount that was set when they became an Authority of \$197,000. Second by C/Wiley. Vote: 4-Yes, 0-No, 1-Absent. CARRIED

Judge Bianchi addressed the Board with an update on the Department of Human Services Child Care Fund deficit and what has been done to correct it.

9:52 a.m. Judge Bianchi finished and exited.

9:53 a.m. JoAnne Miller and Bob Sawyer addressed the Board regarding the displaying of military uniforms in the Courthouse for the first two weeks of November. There was some discussion regarding the safety of these uniforms.

C/Wiley moved to allow the Historical Society to display military uniforms in the Courthouse the first two weeks of November in honor of our Veterans. Second by C/Benzing. Vote: 4-Yes, 0-No, 1-Absent. CARRIED

C/Brown stated that she is continuing to bring herself up to speed on her duties as a County Commissioner.

C/Wiley updated the Board on items under his committee.

C/Wiley moved to remove Resolution 13-089 from the Table. Second by C/Brown. Vote: 3-Yes, 1-No (C/Benzing), 1-Absent. CARRIED

There was considerable discussion regarding this Resolution.

10:19 a.m. Randy Finley entered.

10:25 a.m. Martin Taylor entered.

Roll Call Vote: C/Brown - Yes, C/Welden - Absent, C/Wiley - Yes, C/Benzing - No, C/Burtka - Yes. Vote: 3-Yes, 1-No, 1-Absent. CARRIED

C/Burtka reported on the Grant Training that he attended and he also gave a brief update on applications for Financial Manager.

10:40 a.m. adjournment by call of the Chair.

John Burtka, Chair
Board of Commissioners

Marney M. Kast,
County Clerk