

The Regular Meeting of the Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners convened on September 10, 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 Burtka.

<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 Burtka
3. Public Comment
4. Consent Agenda

Review & Correction/Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of August 27, 2013
13-108: Payroll, Payables, Transfers - August 2013

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

9:10 a.m. Neal Brady, Prosecuting Attorney, Rod Hassinger, Assistant
Prosecuting Attorney, Implementation of Diversion
Program - District Court Criminal Cases

8. Committee Reports:
 - A. **HUMAN SERVICES/JUDICIARY - BRAD BENZING**
 - B. **FACILITIES/TECH/ECON DEVELOPMENT - RUTH BROWN**
 - C. **PUBLIC SAFETY - MARK WILEY**
Update on Wage Review Committee
 - D. **FINANCE - ANDY WELDEN**
13-107: Authorize payment to Rehmann Robison - Preparation of
Accounting Procedures
 - E. **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT/MGMT & PERSONNEL - JOHN BURTKA**
13-105: Appointment to the Board of Canvassers
13-106: Appt to ETS Board - Citizen-at-Large Alternate
9. Public Comment
10. Additional Business
11. Adjournment

Present: Marney Kast, Andy Barrand, Matt Shane, Irving Strong, Vickie Reynolds-Boyd and Dave Slifka.

Under Public Comment, Dave Slifka, Reading Emergency Unit (REU) gave a brief update on REU.

Matt Shane, County Director, Michigan State University Extension gave a brief update on the Extension Office.

9:01 a.m. C/Wiley, Neal Brady, Rod Hassinger and Desiree Belote entered.

C/Wiley moved to change the number on Resolution 13-104 to 13-108. Second by C/Welden. Vote unanimous. **CARRIED**

9:11 a.m. Mr. Slifka exited.

C/Welden moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by C/Wiley. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

Under Correspondence there was much discussion regarding Lifeways.

C/Benzing moved to approve the Regular Agenda. Second by C/Wiley. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

9:16 a.m. Neal Brady and Rod Hassinger addressed the Board regarding a Diversion Program that they will be implementing. This program will be for first time offenders of non violent crimes and will be self funded. There was some discussion. It was the consensus of the Board that this would be a good program to have.

9:18 a.m. Bill Word entered.

9:39 a.m. Mr. Brady, Mr. Hassinger and Ms. Belote finished and exited.

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

C/Brown stated she had nothing to report.

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

C/Welden moved to approve Resolution 13-107: Authorize payment of up to \$1,500.00 to Rehmann Robison for preparation of accounting procedures regarding the 2009 Audit. Second by C/Wiley. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

C/Burtka expressed concerns regarding the Lifeways issue.

C/Benzing moved to have the Chair work with the Jackson County Board of Commissioners to compose a response to the letter received from the Department of Community Health regarding funding for Lifeways and to authorize a not to exceed \$10,000 for any legal council that may be needed. Second by C/Welden. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

C/Burtka moved to approve Resolution 13-105: The Appointment of Mary Jo Godfrey, Republican and Kenneth G. Hayes, Democrat to the Board of Canvassers. Second by C/Welden. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

C/Burtka moved to approve Resolution 13-106: The appointment of Margaret Hatfield as a Citizen - at - Large on the Emergency Telephone Services Board. Second by C/Wiley. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

Under Public Comment, Bill Word, Drain Commissioner gave and update on a two projects that are taking place.

10:19 a. m. adjournment by call of the Chair.

John Burtka, Chair
Board of Commissioners

Marney M. Kast,
County Clerk