

The Regular Meeting of the Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners convened on December 10, 2013 at the Lewis Emery Park, 2020 State Road, 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 Brown.

<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 Brown
3. Public Comment
4. Consent Agenda

Review & Correction/Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of Nov 26, 2013

13-150: Payroll/Payables/Transfers - November 2013

13-153: Co-Public Defender Legal Services Contract - 1 year

13-154: Legal Services Contract - Guardian Ad Litem - 1 year

13-155: Probate Court Secondary Legal Services Contract - 3 year

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

9:10 a.m. Bob Godfrey, Bill Watkins and Mike Parney, Road Commission Board & Ted Jansen, Parks Commission - 2014 Budget

8. Committee Reports:

**A. PUBLIC SAFETY - MARK WILEY**

13-149: 2014 Ambulance Association Operational

13-151: Wage Increase - Elected, Chief Deputies & Appointed - 2014, 2015 & 2016

13-156: Road Commissioners Salary Increase - 2014

**B. FINANCE - ANDY WELDEN**

Set Public Hearing for the Adoption of the 2014 Budgets

**C. HUMAN SERVICES/JUDICIARY - BRAD BENZING**

**D. FACILITIES/TECH/ECON DEVELOPMENT - RUTH BROWN**

13-157: Auth. Equalization Director to sign agreement w/City of Hillsdale

**E. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT/MGMT & PERSONNEL - JOHN BURTKA**

13-152: Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Board Appt.

9. Public Comment
10. Additional Business
11. Adjournment

Present: Marney Kast, Mike Messenger, Doug Sanford, Tracy Peter, Bill Word, Andy Barrand, Ted Jansen and Randy Yagiela.

Under Public Comment, Ted Jansen stated that in the course of looking for funding options for the parks, he discovered Mr. Randy Yagiela and his company Transformation Connection. Mr. Yagiela stated that he would like to have the opportunity to write grants for the parks and gave some background information on himself.

9:05 a.m. Dave Slifka and Mike Parney entered.

The Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda.

C/Wiley moved to approve the Regular Agenda. Second by C/Benzing. Vote: 4-Yes, 0-No, 1-Absent. **CARRIED**

9:06 a.m. Mr. Ted Jansen presented the Board with work that had been done at Lewis Emery Park and on how much this work had increased the value of the property. He also is requesting an increase in his budget which would bring that budget to \$30,000.

9:15 a.m. Bill Watkins entered.

9:21 a.m. Mr. Jansen finished with his presentation. Mike Parney exited.

C/Wiley reviewed a letter that was received from Kenneth Bengel, Director, Veteran Affairs.

9:26 a.m. Mr. Yagiela exited.

C/Wiley moved to approve Resolution 13-149: 2014 Distribution of Ambulance Operational Millage which includes monies for Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) for Reading Emergency Unit (REU). Second by C/Benzing. There was much discussion in regards to showing how much money REU and Waldron pay for the EMD services. It was the consensus of the Board to recess to see if the distribution numbers changed compared to the numbers on the Resolution for EMD.

9:48 a.m. recess.

10:04 a.m. back in session.

Vote on Resolution 13-149: 4-Yes, 0-No, 1-Absent. CARRIED

C/Wiley moved to approve Resolution 13-151: Wage scale for the Elected, Chief Deputies and Appointed Department Heads for 2014, 2015 and 2016. Second by C/Brown. There was some discussion. Vote: 3-Yes, 1-No (C/Benzing), 1-Absent. CARRIED

C/Wiley moved to approve Resolution 13-156: Wage increase for the County Road Commission from \$3,000 per year to \$4,000 per year. Second by C/Brown. There was some discussion. Roll Call Vote: C/Wiley - Yes, C/Benzing - Yes, C/Burtka - Yes, C/Brown - Yes, C/Welden - Absent. CARRIED

C/Wiley stated that the Board needs to set the Public Hearing regarding the 2014 Budget. There was some discussion.

C/Benzing moved to set the Public Hearing on the 2014 Budget for December 20, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. during the regular meeting of this Board. Second by C/Brown. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

C/Benzing moved to set a Special Meeting for December 27, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. for the purpose of conducting any business that may need to be finished before the end of the year. Second by C/Wiley. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

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

10:31 a.m. Dave Slifka exited.

C/Brown moved to approve Resolution 13-157: Authorizing Nick Wheeler, Equalization Director, to sign an agreement with the City of Hillsdale to provide equalization/mapping services from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2016. Second by C/Benzing. Vote: 4-Yes, 0-No, 1-Absent. CARRIED

C/Brown updated the Board on items under her committee.

C/Burtka moved to approve Resolution 13-152: The appointment of John Waldvogel to the Department of Human Services/Medical Facility Board. Second by C/Brown. Vote: 4-Yes, 0-No, 1-Absent. CARRIED

Under Public Comment, Bill Word, Drain Commissioner expressed concerns regarding how wage increases were going to be handled in the future.

Doug Sanford, E-911/Emergency Management Director stated that he needs a Resolution stating that he can establish an Emergency Management Committee.

10:56 a.m. adjournment by call of the Chair.

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John Burtka, Chair  
Board of Commissioners

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Marney M. Kast,  
County Clerk