

The Regular Meeting of the Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners convened on May 28, 2013 in the Board of Commissioners Room, 29 N. Howell Street, Hillsdale, Michigan.

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

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

AGENDA:

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

Review & Correction/Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of May 14, 2013
13-063: Payment to Griffiths Mechanical - Cooling Tower Project for DHS Bldg
13-064: Board of Realtors Reduction in GIS Website Fee
13-065: Health Dept. Increase for Healthy Beginnings Program

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

9:10 a.m. Roger Boardman, Undersheriff, Update on Police Vehicles
9:45 a.m. Susan Smith, Executive Director, EDP Update & Request for Financial Support

8. Committee Reports:
 - A. FACILITIES/TECH/ECON DEVELOPMENT - PARKE HAYES**
 - B. PUBLIC SAFETY - MARK WILEY**
 - C. FINANCE - ANDY WELDEN**

Discussion: Spreading of Taxes for the year 2013

Taxable Value (Ad-Valorem)	\$1,255,340,873
County Allocated	4.9552 mills
Tax revenue for General Fund	\$ 6,220,465

Policy Handbook
 - D. HUMAN SERVICES/JUDICIARY - BRAD BENZING**
 - E. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT/MGMT & PERSONNEL - JOHN BURTKA**

Update: Prosecuting Attorney - Hire Part Time Summer Employee

9. Public Comment
10. Additional Business
11. Adjournment

Andy Barrand, Ken Benge, Marney Kast, Roger Boardman, Sue Smith, Randy Finley, Bambi Somerlott, David Holcomb, Doug Terry, Gary Leininger and Ginny Broderick Under Public Comment, Gary Leininger reviewed the Delinquent Tax revolving Fund Note Sale stating that Chemical Bank was the lowest bidder at 0.6976% for a cost of \$22,547.50.

9:04 a.m. Vicki Reynolds-Boyd entered

9:07 a.m. Bill Word entered.

C/Benzing moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the removal of Resolution 13-063. Second by C/Wiley. Vote: 3-Yes, 0-No, 2-Absent CARRIED

C/Wiley moved to approve the Agenda with the addition of Bill Word, Drain Commissioner under Standing Order after Sue Smith. Second by C/Benzing. Vote: 3-Yes, 0-No, 2-Absent. CARRIED

9:13 a.m. Roger Boardman, Undersheriff, addressed the Board regarding the need for a third vehicle for the Sheriff's Department. He stated that two were approved in this year's budget

but a third is greatly needed. There was some discussion. It was the consensus of the Board to allow Undersheriff Boardman to research different vehicles and report back to the Board.

9:19 a.m. Sue Smith, Executive Director, Economic Development Partnership and Chairman Doug Terry updated the Board on some of the accomplishments of the EDP and are requesting monies to help with start up funds for small businesses.

9:34 a.m. Bill Word, Drain Commissioner, addressed the Board with information for setting assessment district for Baw Beese Lake. There was some discussion.

C/Benzing moved to authorize the Drain Commissioner to engage Civil Engineers not to exceed \$5020.00, to establish an assessment district for Baw Beese Lake. Second by C/Wiley. Vote: 3-Yes, 0-No, 2-Absent. CARRIED

Mr. Word also updated the Board regarding the Chandler Drain and the Revolving Drain Fund.

Randy Finley, Facilities Director, gave an update on the Cooling Tower at the DHS Building.

C/Wiley informed the Board that the cost for upgrades in security for the District Court, Probate Court and Friend of the Court total around \$7000. There was some discussion.

C/Wiley moved to authorize upgrades in security for the Friend of the Court and Probate Court. Second by C/Benzing. There was some discussion regarding District Court.

C/Benzing moved to Table. Second by C/Wiley. Vote: 3-Yes, 0-No, 2-Absent. TABLED

C/Wiley reported on other items under his committee.

C/Welden reported on items under his committee. He also updated the Board on the setting of taxes.

10:08 a.m. recess.

10:22 a.m. back in session.

C/Welden stated that the Policy Handbook is with Mr. Gary Kings Office.

There was discussion regarding whether or not to use Mr. King for Union Negotiations. The consensus was to continue with Mr. King.

C/Welden informed the Board that a Truth in Taxation Hearing would not be required.

There was discussion regarding the fountain.

C/Benzing moved to authorize the Facilities Director to spend up to \$7000 to renovate the fountain. Second by C/Wiley. Vote: 3-Yes, 0-No, 2-Absent. CARRIED

Gary Leininger, County Treasurer stated that he is having trouble finding a person to replace his retiring employee for the money that he is being allowed to spend and would like to request the ability to offer up to \$14.39 per hour which is the 05/level 3. There was some discussion.

C/Wiley moved to allow Mr. Leininger to hire someone at up to the three year level of pay. Second by C/Benzing. Vote: 3-Yes, 0-No, 2-Absent. CARRIED

C/Benzing reported on items under his committee.

Under Public Comment, Bill Word, Drain Commissioner informed the Board that he has hired part time summer help that is paid by the drains. He also questioned where the Board was in regards to wage increases for the Appointed and Elected Department heads.

10:57 a.m. adjournment by call of the Vice Chair.

Andy Welden, Vice Chairman
Board of Commissioners

Marney M. Kast,
County Clerk