

The Regular Meeting of the Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners convened on June 25, 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> |
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| | 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 Benzing
3. Public Comment
4. Consent Agenda

Review & Correction/Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of June 11, 2013

13-072: Authorize payment to Cohl, Stoker & Toskey

13-073: Payment to Anderson, Tackman & Company, PLC

13-074: Payment to Bureau Veritas North America, Inc.

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

9:10 a.m. Maribeth Leonard (Caldwell), CEO – Lifeways
Quarterly Report

10:30 a.m. Dave Stoker, Attorney – Cohl, Stoker & Toskey
Senior Center Millage

8. Committee Reports:

A. FINANCE - ANDY WELDEN

B. HUMAN SERVICES/JUDICIARY - BRAD BENZING

FOC – Security Upgrades

C. FACILITIES/TECH/ECON DEVELOPMENT - PARKE HAYES

D. PUBLIC SAFETY - MARK WILEY

**Tabled Resolution – 13-070 Senior Center Millage and Support
of Expansion**

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

9. Public Comment
10. Additional Business
11. Adjournment

Present: Bill Word, Irving Strong, Maribeth Leonard (Caldwell), Vickie Reynolds-Boyd, Terry Vear, Alice Britton, Andy Barrant, Randy Finley, David Holcomb, Mike Messenger

Under Public Comment: Mike Messenger, Veteran Affairs Board member, commented on the Veteran's Affairs Office. Under the direction of Kenneth Benge, the office has made significant progress and changes. Their assistance to veterans has increased and the board is requesting to have the office hours extended. They will be putting standard operating procedures in place and plan on more frequent reports to the Board of Commissioners.

Randy Finley, Facilities Director, reported that he has signed off of the HVAC project on the Courthouse and Annex. He also reported the cooling tower for the DHS building will be arriving today which is ahead of schedule. The drinking fountain located on the courthouse lawn is now finished and was constructed by the maintenance staff.

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

C/Benzing moved to approve the Regular Agenda with the addition of Randy Finley's report under C/Hayes committee. Second by C/Hayes. Vote: 4-Yes, 0-No, 1-Absent.

CARRIED

9:05 a.m. David Holcomb and Randy Finley exited

9:10 a.m. Standing Order: Maribeth Leonard (Caldwell), Lifeways CEO, commented on the memorandums previously sent to the Board. She went over the monthly progress report which provided updates on the various strategies developed by their consultants and Lifeways staff. Maribeth also went over the appropriation amounts from Hillsdale and Jackson counties. She plans on reporting back to the Board next month.

9:15 a.m. Mike Mitchell and Carmen Kaiser entered

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

C/Hayes moved to accept the final approval and payment to Griffiths Mechanical, Inc. on the Courthouse and Annex HVAC system. Second by C/Burtka. ROLL CALL VOTE: C/Benzing – Yes, C/Burtka – Yes, C/Hayes – Yes, C/Welden – Absent, C/Wiley – Yes. 4 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Absent.

CARRIED

9:33 a.m. Dave Stoker, Attorney entered

C/Hayes moved to go into closed session for the purpose of Attorney / Client Privilege. Second by C/Benzing. ROLL CALL VOTE: C/Burtka – Yes, C/Hayes – Yes, C/Welden – Absent, C/Wiley – Yes, C/Benzing – Yes. 4 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Absent.

CARRIED

9:55 a.m. C/Benzing moved to go back into regular session. Second by C/Wiley. Vote: 4 – Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Absent.

CARRIED

Present: Bill Word, Irving Strong, Vickie Reynolds-Boyd, Terry Vear, Alice Britton, Mike Mitchell, Dave Stoker and Mike Messenger.

C/Wiley moved to remove Resolution 13-070 from the table. Second by C/Hayes. Vote: 4 – Yes, 0 - No, 1 – Absent.

CARRIED

C/Wiley moved to approve Resolution 13-070. Second by C/Hayes. Vote: 0 – Yes, 4 – No, 1 – Absent.

FAILED

C/Wiley moved to remove the "Attorney/Client Privilege" from the letter sent to the Board of Commissioners on June 24, 2013 via email by Attorney Dave Stoker in regards to the proposed Resolution from Hillsdale County Senior Services Center and submit letter to Terry Vear, Executive Director at the Senior Center. Second by C/Hayes. ROLL CALL VOTE: C/Hayes – Yes, C/Welden – Absent, C/Wiley – Yes, C/Benzing – Yes, C/Burtka – Yes. 4 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Absent.

CARRIED

There was much discussion in regards to the hiring of a part-time person and funding for the Veteran's Affairs office.

C/Wiley moved to authorize the Department of Veterans Affairs to hire a part-time individual. Second by C/Hayes. ROLL CALL VOTE: C/Welden – Absent, C/Wiley – Yes, C/Benzing – Yes, C/Burtka – Yes, C/Hayes – Yes. 4 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Absent.

CARRIED

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

Public Comment: Terry Vear commented on the related cost for the expansion. She along with her board is willing to work together for the good of the Seniors.

C/Hayes stated that he is resigning as a member of the Board of Commissioners and this is his last meeting. He also would like to suggest Michael Mitchell as his replacement.

C/Burtka along with the other Commissioners and members of the audience gave C/Hayes a standing ovation for a job well done and commended Parke for all of his years of service and hard work to the citizens of Hillsdale County.

10:43 a.m. adjournment by call of the Chair.

John Burtka, Chair
Board of Commissioners

Marney M. Kast,
County Clerk