

The Regular Meeting of the Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners convened on April 14, 2020 at the Board of Commissioners Room, 33 McCollum Street, Suite 210, Hillsdale, Michigan via WebX Video Conferencing.

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

Please note that due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and the meeting being held via video conferencing, all voting must be done by Roll Call Vote per the Governors Executive Order 2020-15.

<u>ROLL CALL:</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>PRESENT:</u>	<u>ABSENT:</u>
	1	Ruth Brown	
	2	Julie Games	
	3	Mark Wiley	
	4	Bruce Caswell	
	5	Namrata Carolan	

**AGENDA:**

1. Call to Order
2. Prayer & Pledge by Commissioner Carolan
3. Public Comment
4. Consent Agenda:
  - Review & Correction/Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2020
  - Review & Correction/Approval of Special Meeting Minutes of April 7, 2020
  - 20-027: Appointment to the Planning Commission – Education
  - 20-028: Appointment of Attorney Magistrate
  - 20-032: Payrolls, Payables, Transfers – March 2020
  - 20-033: Authorize Facilities Director to Hire Part-Time Maintenance
  - 20-034: Authorize Facilities Director to Look into Hiring an Architect – HVAC System for the Courthouse
  - 20-035: Authorize Transfer to Revolving Drain Fund
5. Correspondence – Listed
6. Regular Agenda
7. Standing Order:
  - 9:10 a.m. Nicolas Wheeler, Equalization Director – Annual Equalization Report
  - 9:30 a.m. Doug Sanford, Director 911/Emergency Management  
Surcharge Recommendation – ETSB
8. Committee Reports:
  - A. FACILITIES/TECH/ECON DEVELOPMENT – JULIE GAMES**
    - 20-029: Approval of Operational Telephone Surcharge E-911
    - Discussion: Headwaters Recreational Authority
  - B. FINANCE – BRUCE CASWELL**
    - 20-030: 2020 Budget Amendment – Veteran’s Counselor
    - 20-031: Borrowing Resolution for 2019 Delinquent Taxes not to Exceed \$3,500,000
  - C. HUMAN SERVICES – RUTH BROWN**
  - D. PUBLIC SAFETY/JUDICIARY – NAMRATA CAROLAN**
  - E. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT/MANAGEMENT & PERSONNEL – MARK WILEY**
    - NOTE:** Taken Off Consent Agenda – Review & Correction/Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of **MARCH 24, 2020 – CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19**
    - Discussion:** County Employee Displaying Campaign Signs (Endorsing Candidate or Proposal) Displayed on Personal Vehicle
    - Appointment to LifeWays Board – Primary
9. Public Comment
10. Additional Business
11. Adjournment

Present: Nick Wheeler and David Holcomb were present in person. Dave Slifka, Doug Sanford, JP Rudell, Karen Winchell, Kim Jackson, Lt. Moore, Mike Lane, Tracy Peter and Stephenie Kyser along with several other people were present via WebX.

C/Brown requested that Resolution 20-034 and C/Wiley requested that Resolution 20-033 be pulled off the Consent Agenda and placed under C/Games report.

C/Carolan moved to approve the above amendments. Second by C/Games. Roll Call Vote: C/Carolan – Yes, C/Brown – Yes, C/Games – Yes, C/Wiley – Yes, C/Caswell – Yes. Vote: 5-Yes, 0-No.

CARRIED

C/Carolan moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Second by C/Games. Roll Call Vote: C/Brown – Yes, C/Games – Yes, C/Wiley – Yes, C/Caswell – Yes, C/Carolan – Yes. Vote: 5-Yes, 0-No.

CARRIED

C/Carolan moved to approve the Regular Agenda. Second by C/Games. Roll Call Vote: C/Games – Yes, C/Wiley – Yes, C/Caswell – Yes, C/Carolan – Yes, C/Brown – Yes. Vote: 5-Yes, 0-No. CARRIED

9:16 a.m. Nicolas Wheeler, Equalization Director, presented his 2019 Annual Equalization Report to the Board. Comments were made.

C/Games moved to accept the 2019 Annual Equalization Report. Second by C/Carolan. Roll Call Vote: C/Wiley – Yes, C/Caswell – Yes, C/Carolan – Yes, C/Brown – Yes, C/Games – Yes. Vote: 5-Yes, 0-No.  
CARRIED

9:24 a.m. Mr. Wheeler finished.

Doug Sanford, 911/Emergency Management Director addressed the Board regarding the ETS Board's request for an increase of \$0.10 for E-911 services. There was some discussion.

C/Carolan moved to approve Resolution 20-029: An increase of \$0.10 to a rate of \$2.60 per month on all devices capable of utilizing 9-1-1 services effective July 2020 through June 2021. Second by C/Games. Roll Call Vote: C/Caswell – Yes, C/Carolan – Yes, C/Brown – Yes, C/Games – Yes, C/Wiley – Yes. Vote: 5-Yes, 0-No.  
CARRIED

C/Games moved to approve Resolution 20-033: Authorizing the Facilities Director to hire a part-time maintenance employee. Second by C/Wiley. Leaann Zimmerman, SEIU Union Stewart, was present via phone. She stated that this would remove a full-time union position from this department and replace it with a part-time person. She stated she was informed that if this change were to happen then the existing maintenance personal would receive wage increases. There was a very lengthy discussion. The wording of the Resolution did not properly reflect the Motion that was made on March 10, 2020. There was more discussion.

10:00 a.m. Randy Finley, Facilities Director entered.

C/Caswell moved to amend the Resolution to properly reflect the Motion by adding the following: for twenty-eight hours per week through the end of 2020 and any money that is saved will be credited to the jail for repairs. Second by C/Wiley. Roll Call Vote: C/Carolan – Yes, C/Brown – Yes, C/Games – Yes, C/Wiley – Yes, C/Caswell – Yes. Vote: 5-Yes, 0-No. CARRIED  
Roll Call Vote on Resolution 20-033 as amended: C/Brown – Yes, C/Games – No, C/Wiley – Yes, C/Caswell – Yes, C/Carolan – Yes. Vote: 5-Yes, 1-No. CARRIED

C/Wiley asked Commissioners Caswell and Brown to work on where the money saved should be used and bring that back to the Board.

C/Games moved to approve Resolution 20-034: Authorizing the Hillsdale County Facilities Director to hire an architect for the HVAC system at the Courthouse. Second by C/Carolan. There was some discussion regarding the Facilities Director "hiring" an architect. The Commissioners were reminded that this is a follow up Resolution to the Motion that was made on March 10, 2020. Roll Call Vote: C/Games – Yes, C/Wiley – Yes, C/Caswell – Yes, C/Caswell – Yes, C/Carolan – Yes, C/Brown – Yes. Vote: 5-Yes, 0-No.

CARRIED

C/Games moved to direct Mr. Finley to collect bids for the HVAC System at the Courthouse and bring those bids before the Board on May 12, 2020. Second by C/Carolan. Roll Call Vote: C/Wiley – Yes, C/Caswell – Yes, C/Carolan – Yes, C/Brown – Yes, C/Games – Yes, Vote: 5-Yes, 0-No. CARRIED

C/Caswell moved to approve Resolution 20-030: Amending the Veteran's Counselor 2020 budget to equate to the 2017 budget year as to maintain eligibility for the County Veteran Services Fund Grant. Second by C/Brown. Roll Call Vote: C/Caswell – Yes, C/Carolan – Yes, C/Brown – Yes, C/Games – Yes, C/Wiley – Yes. Vote: 5-Yes, 0-No. CARRIED

C/Caswell moved to approve Resolution 20-031: Resolution to borrow against anticipated delinquent 2019 real property taxes not to exceed \$3,500,000. Second by C/Brown. Roll Call Vote: C/Carolan – Yes, C/Brown – Yes, C/Games – Yes, C/Wiley – Yes, C/Caswell – Yes. Vote: 5-Yes, 0-No. CARRIED

C/Caswell gave an update on items under his committee.

C/Brown gave an update on items under her committee.

C/Carolan gave an update on items under her committee.

C/Wiley stated that he was asked if employees could display political signs on their personal vehicles on county property. It was the consensus of the Board that yes, they could.

C/Wiley gave an update on several items of interest.

Mr. Finley informed the Board that he has purchased a new gate for the jail. He stated that the original quote he received was around \$30,000.00 and he found one for \$17,500.00. He stated that it will be a couple of months before it is delivered.

There was no Public Comment and no Additional Business.

11:30 a.m. adjournment by call of the Chair.