

The Regular Meeting of the Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners convened on January 14, 2020 at the Board of Commissioners Room, 33 McCollum Street, Suite 210, Hillsdale, Michigan.

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 Brown.

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

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order
2. Prayer & Pledge by Commissioner Caswell
3. Public Comment
4. Consent Agenda
Review & Correction/Approval of Organizational Meeting Minutes of January 2, 2020
20-002: Payroll, Payables, Transfers – December 2019
20-003: Commissioner Appointment – Brownfield Redevelopment Authority
20-004: Commissioner Appointment – Community Action Agency
20-005: Commissioner Appointment – Michigan Works! South East
20-006: Commissioner Appointment – Veterans Affairs Board
20-007: Commissioner Appointment – FEMA Advisory Council (Partial Term)
20-008: Approval of Amended/Revised MIDC Budget – FY 2020
20-011: Authorize Chair to sign Remonumentation Contracts
5. Correspondence - Listed
6. Regular Agenda
7. Standing Order:

9:10 a.m. Julie Boyce, CEO Key Opportunities & Chairperson of the Hillsdale
Transportation Task Force

9:30 a.m. Troy Schnabel, Watkins-Ross
Actuary Study
8. Committee Reports:
 - A. **HUMAN SERVICES – RUTH BROWN**
 - B. **PUBLIC SAFETY – NAMRATA CAROLAN**
Updates: Medical Examiner
 - C. **FACILITIES/TECHNOLOGY/ECON DEVELOPMENT – JULIE GAMES**
20-001: Approval of Hillsdale County Ambulance Association Operational and Capitol
Millage Funds
 - D. **FINANCE – BRUCE CASWELL**
Continued Discussion: Ambulance Contracts – Reconsideration of Motion from Dec. 26, 2019
20-009: Amendment to the County Travel Policy
20-010: Pay Rate Adjustment – Building Inspection Department
 - E. **CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT/MANAGEMENT & PERSONNEL – MARK WILEY**
9. Public Comment
10. Additional Business
11. Adjournment

Present: Julie Boyce, Georgia Mason, Aaron Ritter, Scott Blackwell, Dave Thomas, Karla Malone, Troy Schnabel, Lt. Stiverson, Undersheriff Carl Albright, Bob Eichler, Roy Bodinus, Jack McLain, Stephenie Kyser, Dave Slifka, Penny Swan, Kris Shaneour, Jean Mills and Tim Shaw.

Under Public Comment, Jack McLain addressed the Board regarding placing an ice skating rink on the Courthouse Lawn.

Karla Malone questioned the Resolution regarding a wage increase in the Building Inspection Office when she feels the money should be used for other things like Workers Compensation.

Bob Eichler informed the Board that he will be starting the process to recall the Road Commission Board.

Penny Swan commented on the Transportation Task Force that is under Standing Order. She does not want the County to end up having to pay for a County transit system.

C/Brown moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by C/Games. Vote unanimous.

CARRIED

C/Games moved to approve the Regular Agenda. Second by C/Carolan. Vote unanimous.

CARRIED

9:15 a.m. Julie Boyce, Director of Key Opportunities addressed the Board regarding the need for a transit system in Hillsdale County. She stated that she is on a Transportation Task Force which consists of people from many different agencies. Ms. Boyce stated that the Task Force is looking for a letter of support from this Board to submit with their request for the planning grant. There was some discussion.

9:30 a.m. Tim Shaw exited.

9:33 a.m. Tim Shaw re-entered.

9:34 a.m. Derek Ringman entered.

C/Brown moved to have the Chair sign a Letter of Support for the Transportation Task Force with the understanding that this will in no way commit the County to any funding for planning, implementation or sustaining the proposed transit system. Second by C/Games. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

9:34 a.m. Ms. Boyce finished.

9:35 a.m. Troy Schnabel, Actuary from Watkins-Ross, reviewed the Actuarial Study for projections for plan years beginning January 1, 2019 through January 1, 2040.

10:02 a.m. Chris Myers entered.

10:11 a.m. Scott Blackwell exited.

10:18 a.m. Mr. Schnabel finished and exited along with Mr. Shaw.

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

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

10:25 a.m. Ms. Shaneour exited.

Undersheriff Carl Albright gave a brief update on the Sheriff's Department.

10:33 a.m. Roy Bodinus exited.

C/Caswell moved to approve Resolution 20-009: Amending the Hillsdale County Travel Policy to state that if a Central Dispatch employee uses the county vehicle, Central Dispatch will reimburse the county General Fund the cost of gas and \$.30 per mile round trip. Second by C/Brown. Vote unanimous.

CARRIED

C/Caswell moved to approve Resolution 20-010: Raising the Electrical Inspectors salary from \$47,195.20 to \$49,983.40 retroactive to January 1, 2019. Second by C/Games. Vote unanimous.

CARRIED

C/Caswell moved to reconsider the following Motion made on December 26, 2019:

Withholding \$60,000 from the requested allocation of millage dollars for Reading Emergency Services. Reading Emergency Services and Hillsdale Hospital are to immediately sit down to come up with a solution to greatly improve the wait times for transfers out of Hillsdale Hospital. The two parties will have until April 1, 2020 to present a solution to the Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners. The solution shall include measurable outcomes so its success may be known by County Commissioners. If such a solution is presented then the \$60,000 will be used to implement the solution. If all or some of the \$60,000 is not needed to implement the solution, then the remaining money will be allocated to Reading Emergency Services after a vote of the County Board of Commissioners.

If no solution is presented to the Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners by April 1, 2020 from the above named parties, then the County of Hillsdale will hire a mediator for the two parties, Reading Emergency Services and Hillsdale Hospital. The mediator will report back to the County Board of Commissioners no later than June 1, 2020 with his/her solution to reduce transfer wait times. The solution shall include measurable outcomes so its success may be known by the County Commissioners. The \$60,000 will then be used to implement the mediator's solution. If all or some of the \$60,000 is not needed to implement the solution then the remaining money will be allocated to Reading Emergency Services after a vote of the County Board of Commissioners.

Second by C/Brown. Vote unanimous.

CARRIED

C/Caswell moved to pass the above Motion. Second by Brown. Vote: 0-Yes, 5-No.

FAILED

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

11:13 a.m. Mr. Ringman exited.

C/Games moved to approve Resolution 20-001: The millage distribution for Ambulance Services. Second by C/Carolan. There was much discussion regarding submitting insurance information and reports and who would keep track of that information. 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/Games stated that she would meet with Mr. McLain regarding an ice skating rink on the Courthouse Lawn.

Under Public Comment, Orlando Blanco, Attorney for the Ambulance Association, read the procedure for non-compliance from the Ambulance Contract.

Karla Malone addressed the Board regarding the Indigent Defense Commission Attorney.

Bob Eichler commented on the Michindoh Aquifer.

11:53 a.m. Mr. Blanco, Mr. Slifka and Ms. Mills, exited.

Under Additional Business, all Commissioners commented on several items that had been discussed at today's meeting.

11:58 a.m. adjournment by call of the Chair.

Mark E. Wiley, Chair
Board of Commissioners

Marney M. Kast,
County Clerk