

The Regular Meeting of the Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners convened on January 28, 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 Carolan.

<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 Carolan
3. Public Comment
4. Consent Agenda
Review & Correction/Approval of Organizational Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2020
5. Correspondence - Listed
6. Regular Agenda
7. Standing Order:
 - 9:10 a.m. Matt Shane, MSUE District 12 Coordinator – Annual Report
 - 9:30 a.m. Marne Daggett & Erin Boertman, MERS – Defined Benefit/Contribution Sheriff's Department
8. Committee Reports:
 - A. **PUBLIC SAFETY – NAMRATA CAROLAN**
 - B. **FACILITIES/TECHNOLOGY/ECON DEVELOPMENT – JULIE GAMES**
 - C. **FINANCE – BRUCE CASWELL**
Discussion: Declare Hillsdale County a Second Amendment Sanctuary County
20-012: Payment to Spicer Group – Cambria Mill Pond
 - D. **HUMAN SERVICES – RUTH BROWN**
20-013: Agreement for Extension Services
 - E. **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT/MANAGEMENT & PERSONNEL – MARK WILEY**
20-014: Special Assessment Roll – Crystal Lake
9. Public Comment
10. Additional Business
11. Adjournment

Present: Sheriff Parker, Sgt. Reed, Jack McClain, Roy Bodinus, Brad Benzing, Tim Shaw, Bob Eichler, Matt Shane, Penny Swan, Aaron Ritter, Dave Thomas, Tamra Lang, Marne Daggett, Erin Boertman and Karla Malone.

Under Public Comment, Jack McClain had questions regarding some checks that were issued by the county to some of the local businesses.

9:07 a.m. Chris Myers entered.

Brad Benzing addressed the Board regarding Hillsdale County becoming a 2nd Amendment Sanctuary.

9:10 a.m. Mr. McClain exited.

Bob Eichler handed out copies of MCL 169.206 "Expenditures" defined. He also commented on the 2nd Amendment Sanctuary.

Tim Shaw addressed the Board regarding the expired Ambulance Contracts and that his Board is asking for confirmation that the 2019 contract is expired and that any equipment bought during that time is officially theirs. C/Games stated that she will be addressing this under her report.

Penny Swan expressed her support of the 2nd Amendment and she also read a letter from the Hillsdale City Mayor that states that the City of Hillsdale is a 2nd Amendment Sanctuary.

C/Games moved to amend the Consent Agenda to add Resolutions 20-015: Third Attorney Probate Court Legal Services Agreement with G. Scott Smith and Resolution 20-016: Appointment of Andy Welden to the Hillsdale County Planning Commission as the Agriculture Representative. Second by C/Carolan. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

C/Games moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Second by C/Carolan. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

C/Games moved to add Resolution 20-017: Lease Agreement with Lifeways, to the Regular Agenda under her committee, move C/Caswell's report to the first position and presentment of Resolution 20-013 after the report from Matt Shane. Second by C/Carolan. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

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

9:22 a.m. Matt Shane, MSUE District 12 Coordinator, reviewed the 2018-2019 Hillsdale County MSU Extension Annual Report with the Board.

9:25 a.m. Ms. Malone and Mr. Eichler exited.

9:44 a.m. Mr. Shane finished with his report.

C/Brown moved to approve Resolution 20-013: Authorizing the Chair to sign the MSU Extension Agreement for Extension Services from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020. Second by C/Wiley. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

Marne Daggett and Erin Boertman from MERS reviewed the Hillsdale County Defined Benefit Plan Cost Saving Scenarios with the Board.

9:48 a.m. Ms. Malone re-entered.

10:04 a.m. Ethan Bednar entered.

10:19 a.m. Mr. Eichler re-entered and Randy Finley entered.

10:36 a.m. Ms. Daggett and Ms. Boertman finished.

10:37 a.m. Sgt. Reed, Mr. Bednar, Ms. Boertman, Ms. Daggett and Mr. Thomas all exited.

C/Caswell moved to approve Resolution 20-012: Payment of \$1,302.50 to the Spicer Group for the Dam Inspection that was completed in the Cambria Mill Pond. Second by C/Brown. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

There was some discussion regarding Hillsdale County becoming a 2nd Amendment Sanctuary. C/Caswell stated that he would like to know what that meant. He stated that they all took an oath to support the Constitution of the United States and the State of Michigan and that includes the 2nd Amendment. C/Games stated that she had received notification that the House as introduced HB 219 that would make Michigan a 2nd Amendment Sanctuary State. She feels we should wait and see what they do before we make a decision. The other Commissioners are in concurrence with C/Caswell and C/Games.

10:50 a.m. C/Caswell exited.

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

10:54 a.m. Mr. Ritter exited.

10:55 a.m. Mr. Myers and Mr. Shane exited.

10:58 a.m. Mr. Myers re-entered.

C/Games moved to approve Resolution 20-017: Authorizing the Chair to sign the Lease Agreement with Jackson Hillsdale Community Mental Health Board – Lifeways. Second by C/Carolan. Vote: 4-Yes, 0-No, 1-Absent. CARRIED

C/Games stated that Randy Finley, Facilities Director, needed a total of \$15,000 to cover the costs of wiring and IT lines in the Courthouse. Mr. Finley stated that he is still owed \$6,339.00 from the remainder of the \$70,000 for Courthouse Renovations He would still need an additional \$8,661.00 for a total of \$15,000.00. He also stated that these are the numbers he received from Mr. Ringman. There was some discussion.

C/Games moved to transfer a total of \$15,000.00 from the Capitol Improvement Fund to the Courthouse Construction Fund. Second by C/Wiley. Vote: 4-Yes, 0-No, 1-Absent. CARRIED

There was discussion regarding the expired Ambulance Contracts. C/Games stated that the Ambulance Companies are requesting acknowledgement that the 2019 contracts are expired and that any equipment purchased during that contract is now the property of those agencies. It was the consensus of the Board to agree with this statement.

11:12 a.m. Mr. Benzing exited.

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

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

11:27 a.m. Mr. Shaw exited.

C/Wiley moved to approve Resolution 20-014: Approval of the Special Assessment District for Crystal Lake. Second by C/Games. Roll Call Vote: C/Games – Yes, C/Wiley – Yes, C/Caswell – Absent, C/Carolan – Yes, C/Brown – Yes. Vote: 4-Yes, 0-No, 1-Absent. CARRIED

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

Under Additional Business, C/Carolan stated that Pittsford Township is still looking for three Planning Commission Members and one for the Board of Review.

C/Wiley gave an update on the Medical Care Facility.

11:47 a.m. adjournment by call of the Chair.

Mark E. Wiley, Chair
Board of Commissioners

Marney M. Kast,
County Clerk