

The Regular Meeting of the Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners convened on July 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 Caswell.

<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 Caswell
3. Public Comment
4. Consent Agenda:
  - Review & Correction/Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of July 14, 2020
  - 20-070: Approval to Upgrade the Lewis Emery Park House
5. Correspondence – Listed
6. Regular Agenda
7. Standing Order:
  - 9:10 a.m. Maribeth Leonard, Chief Executive Officer for LifeWays  
Quarterly Report
  - 9:30 a.m. Megan Stiverson, Juvenile Court Administrator  
Opioid Lawsuit Update
8. Committee Reports:
  - A. PUBLIC SAFETY/JUDICIARY – NAMRATA CAROLAN
  - B. FACILITIES/TECH/ECON DEVELOPMENT – JULIE GAMES
  - C. FINANCE – BRUCE CASWELL
  - D. HUMAN SERVICES – RUTH BROWN
  - E. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT/MANAGEMENT & PERSONNEL – MARK WILEY
9. Public Comment
10. Additional Business
11. Adjournment
  - Present: Shannon Clevenger, Donald Hernandez, Brad Benzing, Bob Eichler, Megan Stiverson and Bill Watkins.
  - Under Public Comment, Bill Watkins spoke in favor of the county joining Region 2 Planning Commission. Bob Eicher expressed concerns regarding mail service as it relates to absentee ballots. He also commented on appointing a sheriff to finish the year.
  - 9:08 a.m. Mr. Eichler exited.
  - C/Games moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by C/Carolan. Vote unanimous. CARRIED
  - C/Games moved to approve the Regular Agenda with the addition of a Closed Session regarding Attorney/Client Privilege after Committee reports. Second by C/Carolan. Vote unanimous. CARRIED
  - 9:11 a.m. Shannon Clevenger, LifeWays reviewed the Quarterly Report with the Board.
  - 9:22 a.m. Ms. Clevenger finished and exited.
  - 9:22 a.m. Megan Stiverson, Juvenile Court Administrator, updated the Board on the Opioid Lawsuit. There was some discussion.
  - 9:32 a.m. Ms. Stiverson finished and exited.
  - C/Carolan gave an update on items under her committee. There was a concern regarding an expenditure of \$6,000 from the Sheriff’s Department Jail Maintenance. There was some discussion.
  - C/Games gave an update on items under her committee.
  - C/Caswell gave an update on items under his committee.
  - C/Brown gave an update on items under her committee.
  - C/Wiley gave an update on items of interest.
  - 10:55 a.m. C/Carolan moved to go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation regarding Tax Foreclosures. Second by C/Games. Roll Call Vote: C/Carolan – Yes, C/Brown – Yes, C/Games – Yes, C/Caswell – Yes. Vote: 5-Yes, 0-No. CARRIED
  - 11:14 a.m. back in Regular Session.
  - Present: Donald Hernandez, Brad Benzing and Bob Eichler.
  - Under Public Comment, Donald Hernandez shared his concerns for the county, Brad Benzing expressed the need for more EMT’s and Bob Eicher commented on the Ambulance Services and 911.
  - Under additional business, C/Caswell, C/Brown, C/Carolan and C/Wiley made comments on items of interest.
  - 11:35 a.m. adjournment by call of the Chair.

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Mark E. Wiley, Chair  
Board of Commissioners

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Marney M. Kast,  
County Clerk