

The Regular Meeting of the Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners convened on October 13, 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 September 22, 2020

20-083: Payroll Payables and Transfers – September 2020

20-084: Revolving Drain Fund

20-085: Re-Appointment to Mid-State Health Network SUD Advisory Committee

20-086: Authorize additional expense to repairs to the Lewis Emery Park house

20-087: Authorize payment to Soil Conservation District for Community Service – Disposing of Electronics

20-088: Support Hillsdale County ETS Board in Purchasing a Radio Console System

20-089: PA 116 – Monroe and Cathy Eicher

20-090: PA 116 – Tim and Lori Godfrey

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

9:10 a.m. Nicolas Wheeler, Equalization Director – Designated Assessor Status

9:30 a.m. Randy Finley, Facilities Director – HVAC Presentation for the Courthouse from the Carrier Corporation

8. Committee Reports:

A. FACILITIES/TECH/ECON DEVELOPMENT – JULIE GAMES

B. FINANCE – BRUCE CASWELL

20-091: Medical Care Facility Debt Service

C. HUMAN SERVICES – RUTH BROWN

D. PUBLIC SAFETY/JUDICIARY – NAMRATA CAROLAN

Discussion: Payroll Deduction for Sheriff Deputies to Purchase Law Enforcement Equipment in January 2021

E. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT/MANAGEMENT & PERSONNEL – MARK WILEY

9. Public Comment
10. Additional Business
11. Adjournment

Present: Penny Swan, Stephenie Kyser, Mark Nichols, Doug Ingles, Randy Finley, Brad Benzing, Nick Wheeler, Lance Lashaway, Bob Eichler, Sheriff Scott Hodshire, Undersheriff Nate Lambright, Joel Stewart, David Holcomb and Sherri Lemke.

Please note that Bob Eichler and Lance Lashaway exited and entered several times throughout the meeting.

Under Public Comment the following people spoke:

David Holcomb, IT Director, informed the Board of three upcoming requirements/projects. The first will require that he find a way to allow people that are watching via YouTube be able to comment under Public Comment. Second he is working with KSM Consulting on doing an IT evaluation and third Homeland Security has discovered an issue with one of our websites and requires that it be fixed immediately. He stated that there are other issues with the website that will need to be addressed too.

Joel Stewart read a letter of support regarding the proposed Ordinances that will be discussed today.

Penny Swan stated that she too, supports the proposal and that if the Board votes no on it then they are supporting the Governors decisions.

Robert Eichler stated that he has been recording the Michigan State Police and the Sheriff's Department stopping people and giving them tickets. He feels that these are people that are just trying to make a living or are trying to get to school and they should back down a little. He also expressed concerns about having a temperature taken with a "gun". He states that this makes children think it is ok to point a gun at someone and "take their temperature" and end up shooting someone.

Stephenie Kyser, Hillsdale County Treasurer, stated that the On Line Auction went real well. She also stated that second one will be October 23, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. and end on October 28, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

Mark Nichols stated that he agrees with Ms. Swan and Mr. Stewart.

C/Wiley stated that due to a clerical error approval of the Minutes from September 22, 2020 should be moved to the Consent Agenda.

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

C/Carolan moved to amend the Regular Agenda to add Resolution 20-092: Rescinding Mandatory use of Face Coverings and a Pathogenic Threat and Crisis Ordinance Proposal under her committee. Second by C/Games. Vote on amendment unanimous. CARRIED

Vote on the Regular Agenda as amended unanimous. CARRIED

9:18 a.m. Randy Finley exited.

9:19 a.m. Nick Wheeler, Equalization Director, addressed the Board regarding the Designated Assessor. He stated that this is a mandate from the State and not something that is coming from the county. He also stated that if the county does not do this on their own the State will appoint someone for us. There was some discussion.

C/Caswell moved to allow the submission of RFP's and making Mr. Wheeler the pointy person. Second by C/Carolan. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

9:36 a.m. Troy Bach, Todd Dailey and Randy Finley entered.

9:37 a.m. Mr. Wheeler finished and exited along with Mark Nichols.

Randy Finley, Facilities Director, introduced Todd Dailey from Dailey Engineering.

Mr. Dailey stated that the Engineering Plans for the HVAC System at the Courthouse will be done by the end of October with the bids being due by November 20, 2020 and construction to begin in the spring of 2021. Mr. Dailey stated that he thinks the cost will be between \$400,000 and \$500,000. There was some discussion.

9:45 a.m. Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Nichols re-entered.

9:49 a.m. Doug Ingles exited.

9:50 a.m. Mr. Ingles re-entered.

9:55 a.m. Brad Benzing exited.

9:56 a.m. Mr. Dailey, Mr. Bach and Mr. Finley finished and exited.

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

C/Caswell moved to approve Resolution 20-091: The spreading of taxes for the year 2020 for the Medical Care Facility Capitol Improvement Bond. Second by C/Brown. Roll Call Vote: C/Games – Yes, C/Wiley – Yes, C/Caswell – Yes, C/Carolan – Yes, C/Brown – 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 moved to approve Resolution 20-092: Rescinding the mandatory use of face coverings from the Hillsdale County COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan. Second by C/Games. There was a very lengthy discussion regarding this Resolution. Questions were raised regarding the effect this would have on funding that the county is receiving to help cover costs from the COVID shut down. After much discussion C/Carolan and C/Games agreed to withdraw the Resolution in order to investigate what would be effected by this Resolution and will re-address it at the next meeting.

C/Carolan brought forth the Pathogenic Threat and Crisis Ordinance Proposal. C/Wiley informed all who were present that there would be no action taken today because there is a specific procedure that must be followed in order to enact an ordinance. There was much discussion regarding this Ordinance. It was the consensus of the Board to send this proposal to Dave Stoker who specializes in Ordinances and have him review it for legal issues.

C/Carolan gave an update on items under her committee. There was discussion regarding the purchase of law enforcement equipment for the Sheriff Deputies through payroll deduction.

C/Wiley read an update from Terry Esterline from the Medical Care Facility.

Under Public Comment, Bob Eichler had questions regarding the procedure for the Ordinance. He also stated that he liked what C/Carolan and C/Caswell said.

Mark Nichols, complimented all the commissioners.

Under additional business, C/Brown introduced Sherri Lemke whose mother was a County Commissioner and was the first female board chair.

C/Caswell had comments on today's discussion.

11:46 a.m. adjournment by call of the Chair.

Mark E. Wiley, Chair
Board of Commissioners

Marney M. Kast,
County Clerk