

The Regular Meeting of the Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners convened on November 10, 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		Julie Games
	3	Mark Wiley	
	4	Bruce Caswell	
	5	Namrata Carolan	

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order
2. Prayer & Pledge by Commissioner Brown
3. Public Comment
4. Consent Agenda:

Review & Correction/Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of October 27, 2020
20-098: Payroll, Payables, Transfers – October 2020

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

9:10 a.m. Maribeth Leonard, Chief Executive Officer – LifeWays – Quarterly Report
9:30 a.m. Matt Word, Drain Commissioner – Approval to Purchase Equipment

8. Committee Reports:

- A. HUMAN SERVICES – RUTH BROWN**
- B. PUBLIC SAFETY/JUDICIARY – NAMRATA CAROLAN**
- C. FACILITIES/TECH/ECON DEVELOPMENT – JULIE GAMES**
- D. FINANCE – BRUCE CASWELL**
20-099: Fee Distribution - Equalization
- E. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT/MANAGEMENT & PERSONNEL – MARK WILEY**
20-100: Authorize Chair to sign MERS Addendum (Presented at Board Meeting)
Discussion: Updated COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan
Region 2 Planning Commission

9. Public Comment
10. Additional Business
11. Adjournment

Present: Penny Swan, Bob Eichler, Richard Doermann, Shannon Doermann, Chris Myers, Doug Ingles, Matt Word, Brad Benzing, Jim Graves, Scott Hodshire, Jason Stiverson, Glenn Frobel and Stephenie Kyser.

C/Carolan moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by C/Caswell. Vote: 4-Yes, 0-No, 1-Absent
CARRIED

C/Carolan moved to approve the Regular Agenda. Second by C/Brown. C/Wiley stated that Maribeth Leonard will not be here today and has rescheduled. Vote: 4-Yes, 0-No, 1-Absent. CARRIED

9:05 a.m. Matt Word, Drain Commissioner, addressed the Board with a request for approval of the purchase of a Caterpillar Excavator. Mr. Word submitted three bids and would like to purchase from Michigan CAT. There was some discussion.

C/Caswell moved to approve Mr. Word's request to purchase a Caterpillar Excavator from Michigan CAT in the amount of \$76,908.78 to be paid for from the Drain Equipment Fund. Second by C/Brown. Vote: 4-Yes, 0-No, 1-Absent. CARRIED

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

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

C/Caswell moved to approve Resolution 20-099: Requesting that the Cities and Townships forego their 25% revenue from the GIS Program and the County will forego their 25% in order to continue to fund the GIS Program. Second by C/Brown. There was some discussion. Vote: 4-Yes, 0-No, 1-Absent. CARRIED

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

C/Wiley moved to approve Resolution 20-100: Authorizing the Chair to sign the MERS Addendum. Second by C/Carolan. There was much discussion. Lt. Stiverson fielded some questions however there were a few items

that needed to be rechecked. C/Wiley and C/Carolan agreed to withdraw the motion until all questions can be answered.

C/Wiley addressed the updated COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan. C/Wiley reviewed what had been updated. C/Carolan expressed concerns regarding the Plan.

C/Brown moved to accept the Updated COVID-10 Preparedness and Response Plan as presented. Second by C/Caswell. Vote: 3-Yes, 1-No (C/Carolan), 1-Absent. CARRIED

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

Under Public Comment, Richard Doermann expressed concerns regarding how COVID relief money is being used.

Bob Eichler commented on the Designated Assessor and LifeWays.

Brad Benzing commented on the Planning Commission, the Resolution requesting the 25% from the Townships and Cities, Mental Health transports and the use of used body armor.

Glenn Frobel agreed with Mr. Benzing regarding the request for the 25% from the Cities and Townships and he stated that the Planning Commission should be made up of elected officials.

Under Additional Business, C/Wiley explained that the Resolution is a request. If the Cities and Townships do not want to give up their 25% then that is ok.

C/Brown commented on the GIS Program and responded to Mr. Eichler's comments about LifeWays.

C/Caswell stated that the COVID Relief monies did not require COVID numbers and the county received no FEMA money regarding COVID Relief.

11:23 a.m. adjournment by call of the Chair.

Mark E. Wiley, Chair
Board of Commissioners

Marney M. Kast,
County Clerk