

The Regular Meeting of the Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners convened on February 23, 2021 at the Board of Commissioners Room, 33 McCollum Street, Suite 210, Hillsdale, Michigan.

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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 Schmitt.

<u>ROLL CALL:</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>PRESENT:</u>	<u>ABSENT:</u>
	1	Doug Ingles	
	2	Kathy Schmitt	
	3	Mark Wiley	
	4	Brad Benzing	
	5	Brent Leininger	

**AGENDA:**

1. Call to Order
2. Prayer & Pledge by Commissioner Schmitt
3. Public Comment
4. Consent Agenda:
  - Review & Correction/Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2021
  - 21-028: Wage Study Committee – Elected, Department Heads and their Deputies
  - 21-029: Accept Recommendation from Emergency Management – Poole Construction
5. Correspondence – Listed
6. Regular Agenda
7. Standing Order:
  - 9:10 a.m. Maribeth Leonard, Chief Executive Officer, LifeWays Community Mental Health Quarterly report
  - 9:30 a.m. Matt Word, Drain Commissioner – Annual Report
8. Committee Reports:
  - A. BUDGET – KATHY SCHMITT**  
Discussion: Year to Date Expenditure Discussion
  - B. HUMAN SERVICES – BRENT LEININGER**
  - C. PUBLIC SAFETY/JUDICIARY – BRAD BENZING**
  - D. FACILITIES/TECH/ECON DEVELOPMENT – DOUG INGLES**
  - E. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT/MANAGEMENT & PERSONNEL – MARK WILEY**  
21-030: Annex Certain Lands to the Village of North Adams
9. Public Comment
10. Additional Business
11. Adjournment
  - Present: Stephenie Kyser, Bruce Caswell, Laura Rahe, Bob Eichler, Matt Word, Karen Winchell, Derek Ringman and Jim Graves.
  - Present via WebEx: Doug Sanford, Maribeth Leonard, Scott Sharp and David Holcomb.
  - Under Public Comment, Bruce Caswell gave an update on the Recreation Plan.
  - 9:13 a.m. Mr. Caswell exited.
  - Bob Eichler commented on the Recreation Plan, the Governor raising fees and the County jail.
  - C/Benzing moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the removal of Resolution 21-028 and placing it under the Chairperson's Report. Second by C/Ingles. Vote unanimous. CARRIED
  - C/Leininger moved to approve the Regular Agenda with the addition of Resolution 21-028 and the removal of Resolution 21-030. Second by C/Schmitt. Vote unanimous. CARRIED
  - 9:21 a.m. Maribeth Leonard, CEO of LifeWays, reviewed her Quarterly Report with the Board.
  - 9:22 a.m. Randy Finley and Ryan Griffiths entered.
  - 9:36 a.m. Ms. Leonard finished and left the meeting.
  - 9:37 a.m. Matt Word, Hillsdale County Drain Commissioner, reviewed his 2020 Annual Report with the Board.
  - C/Ingles moved to accept the report as presented. Second by C/Leininger. Vote unanimous. CARRIED
  - Mr. Word informed the Board that he is in need of replacing the Drain Commission truck. He presented three quotes. He stated that he had ordered a 2021 truck from Enterprise and GM canceled three thousand orders with Enterprise. The Drain Commission truck was one of them. He stated that after reviewing the bids he would like to purchase the truck from Hillsdale GMC. There was some discussion.
  - C/Schmitt moved to allow Mr. Word to proceed with the purchase through Hillsdale GMC with a follow up Resolution stating that it will be paid for from the Drain's Equipment account. Second by C/Benzing. Vote unanimous. CARRIED
  - Mr. Word then stated that he will need to replace a maintenance person. He promoted one of employees to the Deputy position and will need to replace two maintenance personnel. He has one starting on Monday and would like to be able to replace the other at his leisure. There was some discussion.
  - C/Leininger moved to allow Mr. Word to replace a maintenance person when he is ready. Second by C/Benzing. There was some discussion. Vote unanimous. CARRIED
  - 10:11 a.m. Ms. Winchell and Mr. Word finished and exited.

C/Schmitt asked Derek Ringman, Financial Officer, to review the January Expenditure Report with the board.

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

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

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

10:37 a.m. Mr. Griffiths exited.

10:39 a.m. Mr. Griffiths reentered.

C/Ingles requested that Mr. Finley and Mr. Griffiths address the Board in regards to the HVAC System at the courthouse.

Mr. Finley and Mr. Griffiths explained all the benefits of switching the unit from a Toshiba Carrier System to an LG System. Mr. Finley stated that along with a savings of about \$18,000.00, he and one of his staff are certified to work on an LG. Mr. Griffiths has installed several of these in the county and they are very reliable.

C/Leininger moved to allow the move from a Toshiba Carrier System to the LG System for the HVAC at the Courthouse. Second by C/Benzing. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

11:04 a.m. Mr. Finley and Mr. Griffiths exited.

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

C/Wiley moved to approve Resolution 21-028: amending Resolutions 19-024 and 13-035 establishing a Committee appointed by the Chair to review wages bi-annually beginning with this year for the elected officials, department heads and their deputies. Second by C/Leininger. There was some discussion.

C/Ingles moved to amend the Resolution to strike the following: Amending Resolution 19-024 and Amending Resolution 13-035 and replace it with Rescinding Resolutions 19-024 and 13-035. Second by C/Leininger. Vote on amendment unanimous. CARRIED

Vote on Resolution as amended unanimous. CARRIED

11:19 a.m. Mr. Graves exited.

C/Wiley gave an update on items of interest.

11:41 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