

The Regular Meeting of the Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners convened on April 13, 2021 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 Benzing.

<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 Benzing
3. Public Comment
4. Consent Agenda:

Review & Correction/Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of March 23, 2021

21-039: Payrolls, Payables & Transfers – March 2021

21-040: Hillsdale Kiwanis Club – Flag Distribution for 2021

21-041: Commissioner Designee Appt. – Mid State Health Network SUD Oversight Police Board Advisory Comm.

21-042: Commissioner Designee Appt. – Mid State Health Network Committee

21-043: Commissioner Appt. to Hillsdale County Prevention Network

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

9:05 a.m. Randy Finley, Facilities Director – Request for Employee Replacement

9:10 a.m. Nicolas Wheeler, Equalization Director – Annual Equalization Report

9:30 a.m. Bob Godfrey, Hillsdale County Road Commission Board – County Parks

8. Committee Reports:

A. FACILITIES/TECH/ECON DEVELOPMENT – DOUG INGLES

B. BUDGET – KATHY SCHMITT

21-044: 2021 Borrowing Resolution for 2020 Delinquent Taxes

Approval of Revised MIDC Budget

C. HUMAN SERVICES – BRENT LEININGER

D. PUBLIC SAFETY/JUDICIARY – BRAD BENZING

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

9. Public Comment
10. Additional Business
11. Adjournment

Present: Nick Wheeler, Laura Rahe, Kimm Burger, Stephenie Kyser, Bob Eichler, Bob Godfrey, Chris Myers, Jim Graves, Abe Dane and Roy Bodinus.

Under Public Comment, Bob Eichler informed the Board that he will be filing charges against the security person who he had an incident with in December of 2020.

9:04 a.m. Randy Finley entered.

9:05 a.m. Glen Frobels entered and Bob Eichler exited.

C/Leininger moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by C/Benzing. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

C/Schmitt moved to approve the Regular Agenda. Second by C/Leininger. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

9:07 a.m. Randy Finley, Facilities Director, addressed the Board with the need to replace a full-time custodial person. He also addressed the Board regarding the hiring of an additional full-time custodial person who would help cover when people are sick or on vacation. He would be able to accomplish in-depth dusting and waxing of floors with the added staff person.

9:09 a.m. Leaann Zimmerman entered.

C/Leininger moved to allow Mr. Finley to replace the full-time position. Second by C/Ingles. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

C/Leininger suggested that the Budget Committee meet with Mr. Finley and bring a report back to the Board at the next meeting.

9:15 a.m. Mr. Finley exited.

Nick Wheeler, Equalization Director, reviewed his 2021 Annual Equalization Report with the Board. There was some discussion.

C/Leininger moved to approve the report as presented and place it on file. Second by C/Schmitt. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

9:26 a.m. Mr. Wheeler finished and exited. Leaann Zimmerman exited.

Bob Godfrey, Hillsdale County Road Commissioner, addressed the Board regarding funding for the county parks, specifically Lewis-Emery Park. There was a very lengthy discussion ranging from ideas to help fund the park to how many people can be in the Community Center.

C/Leininger moved to open the Community Center at Lewis-Emery Park with the understanding that the renters must follow the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Guidelines. Second by C/Ingles. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

10:06 A.M. Mr. Godfrey finished and exited.

C/Schmitt asked Ms. Kimm Burger, attorney for Hillsdale County's Michigan Indigent Defense Commission to review her 2021-2022 budget.

Ms. Burger explained how this commission works and is funded. There was some discussion.

C/Schmitt moved to accept the proposed 2021-2022 Michigan Indigent Defense Commission Budget. Second by C/Leininger. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

10:18 a.m. Ms. Burger finished and exited.

C/Schmitt moved to approve Resolution 21-044: Resolution to borrow against anticipated delinquent 2020 real property taxes. Second by C/Leininger. Hillsdale County Treasurer Stephenie Kyser explained the purpose of this Resolution. Roll Call Vote: C/Leininger – Yes, C/Ingles – Yes, C/Schmitt – Yes, C/Wiley – Yes, C/Benzing – Yes. Vote: 5-Yes, 0-No. CARRIED

10:23 a.m. Chris Myers exited.

C/Ingles gave an update on items under his committee. There was a lengthy discussion regarding information that was received regarding the load bearing wall in the old Probate Court Office. Mr. Ingles reviewed the two proposals that were presented along with Facility Director Finley's recommendation. C/Ingles stated that Brenda Rigdon from Black Raven Architects stated that it could be done however it would be very expensive and could compromise the integrity of the building. She feels that we should leave the wall as is. G5 Architecture stated it could be done but the cost would be approximately \$125,000 to \$150,000.

Mr. Finley's letter states that both of these firms stated that the floor in the basement would need to be jackhammered in order to put in support pillars. The chimney would need to be removed from the basement through the roof. He is concerned that it would compromise the building and we would not be gaining any extra space. There was a lengthy discussion.

C/Ingles moved to leave the load bearing wall located in the former Probate Court Office in tact per the recommendation from Black Raven Architects. Second by C/Leininger. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

10:43 a.m. Mr. Bodinus exited.

10:45 a.m. Mr. Bodinus re-entered.

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

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

C/Wiley gave an update on items of interest.

Under Public Comment, Roy Bodinus commented on the Parks Commission issue.

Laura Rahe informed the Board that District Court had Active Shooter Training yesterday.

Jim Graves stated that he appreciates each of the Commissioners and job they do.

Glenn Frobel commented on the parks and he also informed the Board the Cooper Road Project is still not finished.

Under Additional Business, C/Leininger gave more information regarding the Senior Center.

11:51 a.m. adjournment by call of the Chair.

Mark Wiley, Chair
Board of Commissioners

Marney M. Kast,
County Clerk