

The Regular Meeting of the Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners convened on June 22, 2021 at the Board of Commissioners Room, 33 McCollum Street, Suite 210, Hillsdale, Michigan.

Commissioner Wiley called the meeting to order at 9:02 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	
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AGENDA:

1. Call to Order
2. Prayer & Pledge by Commissioner Benzing
3. Public Comment
4. Consent Agenda:
 - Review & Correction/Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes – June 8, 2021
 - 21-062: Payrolls/Payables/Transfers - May 2021
 - 21-063: Abolishment of the Office of County Corner
 - 21-064: Appointment of Medical Examiner
 - 21-065: Annual Payment to Michigan Association of Counties
 - 21-066: Authorize Chair to Sign Family Court Legal Services Contract - Doxtader
5. Correspondence – Listed
6. Regular Agenda
7. Standing Order:
 - 9:10 a.m. Susan Smith, Executive Director – Economic Development Partnership – Updates
 - 10:00 a.m. Public Hearing – Ordinance No. 2021-1 – Hillsdale County Planning Commission Ordinance of 2021
8. Committee Reports:
 - A. BUDGET – KATHY SCHMITT**
 - B. HUMAN SERVICES – BRENT LEININGER**
 - C. PUBLIC SAFETY/JUDICIARY – BRAD BENZING**
 - D. FACILITIES/TECH/ECON DEVELOPMENT – DOUG INGLES**
 - 21-067: Hillsdale County Planning Commission Ordinance
 - 21-068: Hillsdale County Recreation Plan
 - E. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT/MANAGEMENT & PERSONNEL – MARK WILEY**
 - 21-069: Authorize Extension Agreement – Brandes
 - 21-070: New Hire Checklist
 - 21-071: Separation of Employment Checklist
 - 21-072: ETSB Appointments
9. Public Comment
10. Additional Business
11. Adjournment
 - Present: Stephenie Kyser, Laura Rahe and Jim Graves.
 - 9:04 a.m. Bob Eichler entered.
 - Under Public Comment Bob Eichler wanted to know if the board could put on the website the reasons for why the individual commissioners voted the way they did on the Spreading of Taxes Resolution from the last meeting he also stated that he hoped that the Road Commission was splitting up their crews so that more areas could be cleaned up after the recent storms.
 - 9:14 a.m. Mr. Eichler exited.
 - Stephenie Kyser, Hillsdale County Treasurer informed the Board that she is looking into a new financial institution for the county's checking account. She stated that it may be Southern Michigan Bank.
 - C/Ingles moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the removal of Resolution 21-066 and placing it under the Chairperson's Report. Second by C/Schmitt. Vote unanimous. CARRIED
 - C/Benzing moved to approve the Regular Agenda with Resolution 21-066 added under the Chairperson's Report. Second by C/Schmitt. Vote unanimous. CARRIED
 - Sue Smith, Executive Director of the Economic Development Partnership, is not present for her presentation.
 - C/Schmitt gave an update on items under her committee.
 - C/Leininger gave an update on items under his committee.
 - 9:22 a.m. Glen Frobel entered.
 - C/Benzing gave an update on items under his committee.
 - 9:40 a.m. Mr. Graves exited.

There was some discussion regarding the lifting of COVID-19 mandates.

9:58 a.m. Bruce Caswell entered.

10:00 a.m. C/Leininger moved to open the Public Hearing on the Hillsdale County Planning Commission Ordinance.

An explanation on the purpose of this hearing was given. There was no public comment.

10:04 a.m. C/Leininger moved to close the Public Hearing. Second by C/Schmitt. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

C/Ingles moved to approve Resolution 21-067: Approval of the revised Hillsdale County Planning Commission Ordinance to be effective July 1, 2021. Second by C/Leininger. There was some discussion. Roll Call Vote: C/Leininger – Yes, C/Ingles – Yes, C/Schmitt – Yes, C/Wiley – Yes, C/Benzing – No.

CARRIED

Bruce Caswell addressed the Board regarding the Hillsdale County Recreation Plan. There were a few corrections to be made to the plan which included the following: on page 10, changing the word Commission to Trustees, removing the "s" on the word consists and removing the following words – to the Parks Board; page 11, changing "2" part time employees to "1" and on page 22, changing "two nature trails" to five nature trails, changing the word "is" to "was" and "draws" to "drew" in regards to the sentence that begins as follows – A cross country event.

C/Ingles moved to approve Resolution 21-068: Adoption of the Hillsdale County Five Year Recreational Plan. Second by C/Schmitt. There was some discussion

C/Leininger moved to amend the Resolution to change the wording Hillsdale County Parks Commission to Hillsdale County Parks Trustee Board. Second by C/Schmitt. Vote on amendment unanimous.

CARRIED

C/Benzing moved to amend the Resolution to add the following: effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025 after NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the Hillsdale County Five Year Recreation Plan. Second by C/Ingles. Vote on amendment unanimous.

CARRIED

Roll Call Vote on the Resolution as amended: C/Ingles – Yes, C/Schmitt – Yes, C/Wiley – Yes, C/Benzing – Yes, C/Leininger – Yes. Vote: 5-Yes, 0-No.

CARRIED

11:02 a.m. Mr. Caswell exited.

C/Ingles gave an update on items under his committee including the receiving of bids for doing the parking lot at the Michigan Works SE Building and the opening of bids for work on the façade at the Sheriff's Office. He also stated that the heating and cooling system at the Courthouse should be complete by mid-July.

C/Wiley moved to approve Resolution 21-066: Probate Legal Services Contract with Rachel A. Doxtader for six months beginning July 1, 2021. Second by C/Ingles. There was some discussion. Vote unanimous.

CARRIED

C/Wiley moved to approve Resolution 21-069: One month Probate Court Legal Services Contract with Roy Brandes to train Ms. Doxtader. Second by C/Schmitt. Vote unanimous.

CARRIED

C/Wiley moved to approve Resolution 21-070: Hillsdale County New Hire Checklist. Second by C/Benzing. A couple of motions were made and died for lack of support.

C/Leininger moved to refer the Resolution back to committee for revisions. Second by C/Benzing. Vote: 4-Yes, 1-No (C/Schmitt)

CARRIED

C/Wiley moved to approve Resolution 21-071: Separation from Employment Checklist. Second by C/Schmitt. There was a lengthy discussion. Vote: 4-Yes, 1-No (C/Leininger)

CARRIED

C/Wiley moved to approve Resolution 21-072: Appointments to the ETSB (Emergency Telephone Services Board). Second by C/Benzing. Vote unanimous.

CARRIED

c/Wiley gave an update on some items of interest.

C/Benzing moved to have Facilities remove all of the COVID signs from the County buildings. Second by C/Leininger. Vote unanimous.

CARRIED

Under Public Comment, Laura Rahe informed the Board that the Courts are at Phase 4 and they will start to begin to resume Jury Trials.

Glen Frobel suggested that the Road Commission be present to address the concern regarding the Montgomery Bridge due to conflicting information. He also thanked the Public Board of Utilities and Consumers Power for their hard work restoring power after the recent storm.

12:13 p.m. Mr. Frobel exited.

Additional comments were made by Commissioners Benzing and Ingles.

12:19 p.m. adjournment by call of the Chair.