

The Regular Meeting of the Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners convened on July 13, 2021 at the Board of Commissioners Room, 33 McCollum Street, Suite 210, Hillsdale, Michigan.

Commissioner Wiley called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America by Commissioner Ingles.

<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 Ingles
3. Public Comment
4. Consent Agenda:
 - Review & Correction/Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes – June 22, 2021
 - 21-073: Payroll, Payables and Transfers – June 2021
 - 21-074: Payment to MMRMA – Premium and Retention Fund Semi-Annual Payment
5. Correspondence – Listed
6. Regular Agenda
7. Standing Order
8. Committee Reports:
 - A. HUMAN SERVICES – BRENT LEININGER**
 - B. PUBLIC SAFETY/JUDICIARY – BRAD BENZING**
 - C. FACILITIES/TECH/ECON DEVELOPMENT – DOUG INGLES**
 - 21-077: After Hours Access Policy
 - Sheriff’s Office – Jail Façade
 - Michigan Works! Southeast parking lot
 - D. BUDGET – KATHY SCHMITT**
 - 21-075: Payment to Broadspire – Service Fee Invoice
 - 21-076: Payment to Broadspire – Follow-up Resolution
 - E. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT/MANAGEMENT & PERSONNEL – MARK WILEY**
 - 21-070: New Hire Checklist
9. Public Comment
10. Additional Business
11. Adjournment
 - Present: John Vasko, Adel Biallas, Jean-Paul Rudell, Gary Glass, Chris Myers, Stephenie Kyser, Bob Eichler, and Mary Wallen.
 - Under Public Comment Gary Glass complimented the excellent work of the County Drain Commission.
 - John Vasko spoke out in opposition to comments by federally elected officials who support vaccine mandates.
 - Mary Wallen commented on items to do with the Road Commission and Jonesville School District.
 - Chris Myers and Bob Eichler also separately addressed the board regarding items to do with Jonesville School District.
 - 9:19 a.m. Gary Glass, Mary Wallen, and Chris Myers exited after public comment. Laura Rahe entered.

C/Benzing moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by C/Schmitt. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

C/Schmitt, C/Leininger, and C/Benzing each gave some comments on the Correspondence.

C/Schmitt moved to approve the Regular Agenda. Seconded by C/Leininger. C/Ingles requested the removal of Resolution 21-077 from the agenda for revision. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

C/Leininger gave an update on items under his committee. There was much discussion.

C/Benzing moved to rescind Resolution 21-058: Hillsdale County COVID Preparedness and Response Plan. Seconded by C/Ingles. There was some discussion. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

C/Benzing gave an update on items under his committee, which included some discussion on the EMS agencies quarterly reports. C/Schmitt took issue with an email included in the Reading Emergency Unit report which stated the “topic of reimbursement” between REU and Lifeways for mental health transports had been resolved when to date it has not.

C/Ingles moved to authorize and accept a bid from Quality Asphalt in the amount of \$38,875.00 to replace the Michigan Works! Southeast parking lot asphalt under the supervision of County Maintenance Department Head, Randy Finley. C/Benzing seconded. There was much discussion.

C/Leininger moved to refer the motion as C/Ingles presented to the Budget Committee for review and report back to the board at their next regularly scheduled meeting on July 27, 2021. Seconded by C/Schmitt. Roll Call Vote: C/Schmitt – Yes, C/Wiley – Yes, C/Benzing – Yes, C/Leininger – Yes, C/Ingles – No. CARRIED

10:04 a.m. Randy Finley entered.

10:08 a.m. Laura Rahe exited and returned at 10:14 a.m.

10:20 a.m. Derek Ringman entered.

C/Ingles gave an update on items under his committee which included a presentation by Mr. Finley of his department's proposal to remove and replace the failing brick façade at the Hillsdale County Sheriff's Office for an estimated \$10,000.00 with new steel. There was much discussion. It was recommended that the Budget Committee would review the proposal and funding options.

10:22 a.m. Bob Eichler exited and re-entered multiple times for a few minutes each time.

10:43 a.m. Randy Finley exited.

C/Schmitt moved to approve Resolution 21-075: Payment to Broadspire Services, Inc.

C/Leininger seconded. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

C/Schmitt moved to approve Resolution 21-076: Payment to Broadspire Services, Inc. which was made January 12, 2021 without board approval. Seconded by C/Leininger. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

10:52 a.m. John Vasko and Adel Biallas exited.

C/Schmitt continued with an update on items under her committee which included the month of May budget variance report by Finance Director, Derek Ringman. There was much discussion.

11:14 a.m. Derek Ringman exited.

C/Wiley moved to approve Resolution 21-070: New Hire Checklist. Seconded by C/Benzing.

There was some discussion. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

C/Wiley gave an update on items under his committee, which included a brief report on District Court from Laura Rahe and similarly from Jean-Paul Rudell on Friend of the Court. There was some discussion.

11:42 a.m. C/Schmitt moved that the board go into a Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Attorney/Client privilege. Seconded by C/Ingles. Roll Call Vote: C/Wiley – Yes, C/Benzing – Yes, C/Leininger – Yes, C/Ingles – Yes, C/Schmitt – Yes. Vote Unanimous. CARRIED

11:54 a.m. C/Leininger moved to return to Open Session. Seconded by C/Schmitt. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

Under Public Comment, Bob Eichler commented on townships refusing ARP funds and items to do with Jonesville School District.

Under Additional Business, C/Leininger, C/Ingles, C/Benzing, and C/Wiley each had brief comments.

12:02 p.m. adjournment by call of the Chair.

Mark E. Wiley, Chair
Board of Commissioners

Marney M. Kast,
County Clerk