

The Regular Meeting of the Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners convened on August 10, 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 Wiley.

<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 Wiley
3. Public Comment
4. Consent Agenda:
 - Review & Correction/Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes – July 27, 2021
 - 21-084: Payroll. Payables & Transfers – July 2021
 - 21-085: Accept Quality Asphalt Bid – Removal & Replacement of Parking Lot at Michigan Works! Southeast
 - 21-086: Reject Foulke Construction Bid – Façade Repair at Hillsdale County Jail
 - 21-087: PA 116: Nathan & Barbara Steury
 - 21-088: PA 116: Nathan & Ida Steury
5. Correspondence – Listed
6. Regular Agenda
7. Standing Order:

9:05 a.m. Matt Word, Drain Commissioner – New Service Truck Purchase & Vacant Position

9:10 a.m. Terry Esterline, Administrator – Hillsdale County Medical Care Facility – Updates

9:30 a.m. Doug Terry, Litchfield City Manager, John Jackson & Danielle Bouchard – City of Litchfield DDA & TIF

8. Committee Reports:

A. FACILITIES/TECH/ECON DEVELOPMENT – DOUG INGLES

Discussion: Bob Godfrey, Road Commission
Liese Szarafinski, Hillsdale County Farmers Market

B. BUDGET – KATHY SCHMITT

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: Doug Terry, Terry Esterline, Mary Jo Dunlap, JP Rudell, Matt Word, Jill Barrett, Jim Graves, Danielle Bouchard, John Jackson and Laura Rahe.

Under Public Comment, Mary Jo Dunlap, owner of DJ's Restaurant in Pittsford Township, addressed the Board regarding a condemned building that is next door to her restaurant. She stated that the situation is so bad that her insurance company will not renew her policy if something is not done about the building. She is asking the commissioners for their help. If she cannot renew her insurance policy she will have to close her restaurant.

C/Ingles moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by C/Schmitt. Vote unanimous. CARRIED
C/Leininger moved to approve the Regular Agenda with the removal of Bob Godfrey under Facilities/Technology/Econ Development. Second by C/Schmitt. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

9:05 a.m. Matt Word, Drain Commissioner, addressed the Board regarding replacing Karen Winchell, his Chief Clerk as she has retired. Mr. Word was instructed to post the position for five days. His intent is to promote his Assistant Clerk and then post that position.

Mr. Word also informed the Board that after checking prices and receiving quotes it was better to purchase a new truck from the Cronin Dodge dealership.

C/Ingles moved to authorize the Drain Commissioner to purchase the new truck from Cronin Dodge. Second by C/Benzing. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

9:14 a.m. Mr. Word finished and exited.

Terry Esterline, Administrator, Hillsdale County Medical Care Facility, gave an update of what has been happening at the Facility.

9:44 a.m. Mr. Esterline finished.

Doug Terry, Litchfield City Manager, John Jackson and Danielle Bouchard from McKenna Associates and Jill Barrett, Litchfield Finance Manager addressed the Board regarding the City of Litchfield Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and the establishment of a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Plan. They are requesting the County not implement their "opt out" option in regards to this plan. There was much discussion. It was the consensus of the Board to have C/Schmitt looking into the financing and how it would affect this Board. She will bring back a recommendation to the next meeting.

10:23 a.m. Mr. Terry, Mr. Jackson, Ms. Bouchard and Ms. Barrett finished and exited along with Mr. Esterline.

C/Ingles gave an update on items under his committee which included discussion on space needs at the Courthouse.

It was the consensus of the Board to have RFP's sent out regarding an architect.

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.

C/Wiley informed the Board that masks for the County Employees are not mandated but suggested.

Under Public Comment, Jim Graves expressed concern regarding the county selling a property that contained a condemned building. He also asked the Board to take a stand on the mask requirements.

Under Additional Business, C/Schmitt asked a couple of questions regarding the PA 116's and encouraged the Townships to apply for the ARPA Funds.

11:37 a.m. adjournment by call of the Chair.

Mark E. Wiley, Chair
Board of Commissioners

Marney M. Kast,
County Clerk