

The Regular Meeting of the Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners convened on February 22, 2022 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 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 8, 2022
22-024: Appointment to Fill Vacancy on the DHHS/MCF Board
22-025: Appointment to Fill Vacancy on the Planning Commission – Citizen-at-Large
22-026: Appointment to Fill Vacancy on the Veterans Affairs Board
22-027: Appointment to Fill Vacancy on the Veterans Affairs Board – Alternate
22-028: Approval of Wage Increase – Part-Time/Substitutes – Youth Home
22-029: Approval of Wage Increase – Full Time Employees - Youth Home
22-030: Approval of Stipend – Chief Administrative Officer – Youth Home

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

9:10 a.m. Matt Word, Drain Commissioner – Annual Report

8. Committee Reports:

A. BUDGET – KATHY SCHMITT

22-031: Authorize Chair to Sign the Mission Square Retirement Corp. – 401 Money Purchase Plan Adoption Agreement

B. HUMAN SERVICES – BRENT LEININGER

Discussion: Update on the Rules and Procedures

C. PUBLIC SAFETY/JUDICIARY – BRAD BENZING

22-032: Authorize Purchase of Equipment for Central Dispatch

D. FACILITIES/TECH/ECON DEVELOPMENT – DOUG INGLES

Discussion: Road Commission

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

22-023: Approval of the 2022 County of Hillsdale Employee Handbook

9. Public Comment
10. Additional Business
11. Adjournment

Present: Donald Hernandez, Thomas Whitaker, Karla Adams, Kelley Mapes, Matt Word, Erin Friskney, Glenn Frobel and Laura Rahe.

Under Public Comment, Karla Adams spoke regarding the Board of Health and her FOIA denial.

Kelley Mapes commented on the Board of Health and having people removed for unruliness and repetitive comments.

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

C/Benzing moved to approve the Regular Agenda with changing Resolution 22-031 to a discussion item.

Second by C/Leininger. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

9:08 a.m. Matt Word, Drain Commissioner reviewed his 2021 Annual Report with the Board. There was some discussion.

9:18 a.m. Bob Eichler entered.

C/Ingles moved to approve the 2021 Annual Drain Commission Report and place it on file. Second by C/Leininger. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

9:29 a.m. Mr. Word finished with his report.

C/Schmitt stated that she had a couple questions regarding pretax and after tax contributions to the retirement plan thru Mission Square. Therefore, she would like to bring this agreement back for approval at the next meeting.

9:39 a.m. Mr. Frobel exited.

There was discussion regarding an investment group who would like to tour the Courthouse Annex. They may be interested in buying it.

C/Benzing moved to allow the tour for the investment group that is interested in the Courthouse Annex for possible purchase. Second by C/Leininger. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

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

C/Leininger discussed adding the verbiage from their Board Rules regarding Public Comment to the Agenda so that the public clearly understands the rules. The consensus was to add the verbiage.

9:47 a.m. Mr. Frobel re-entered.

9:55 a.m. Ms. Friskney exited.

9:59 a.m. Mr. Eichler exited.

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

10:07 a.m. Mr. Eichler re-entered.

C/Benzing moved to approve Resolution 22-032: Recommending the purchase of five new dispatch consoles, partitions, carpet and related equipment by the Hillsdale County Central Dispatch from Xybix Systems in the amount of \$138,649.29 and authorizing the 911 Director to sign the contract for this purchase. Second by C/Ingles. There was some discussion. Roll Call Vote: C/Benzing – Yes, C/Leininger – Yes, C/Ingles – Yes, C/Schmitt – Yes, C/Wiley – Yes. Vote: 5-Yes, 0-No. CARRIED

10:11 a.m. Ms. Adams exited.

10:16 a.m. Ms. Adams re-entered.

10:21 a.m. Dustin Adams and Bob Godfrey entered.

10:22 a.m. Mr. Whitaker exited.

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

C/Ingles gave an update on items under his committee. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the Courthouse roof and the Road Commission. Mr. Godfrey spoke regarding three Road Commissioners versus five Commissioners.

10:55 a.m. Mr. Hernandez exited.

11:02 a.m. Ms. Adams exited.

11:03 a.m. Mr. Adams exited.

11:07 a.m. Ms. Adams re-entered.

C/Benzing moved to remove Resolution 22-023: the revised County of Hillsdale Employee Handbook from the Table. Second by C/Leininger. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

C/Wiley re-read the Resolution. There was some discussion. Vote on Resolution unanimous. CARRIED

11:30 a.m. Mr. Frobel and Mr. Eichler exited.

11:32 a.m. Mr. Frobel re-entered.

11:34 a.m. Mr. Eichler re-entered.

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

Under Public Comment, Karla Adams spoke regarding ARPA Money and asked how to be put on the Agenda for the Board of Health.

Kelley Mapes stated that she felt singled out by comments made by C/Leininger. She also commented on several other issues.

Bob Eichler commented on the Road Commission.

Don Hernandez commented on the Grand Opening of the Dawn Theater, thanked the Board for their hard work and stated he was concerned at how people had spoken under Public Comment a few weeks ago.

Glenn Frobel commented on the Road Commission.

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

12:04 p.m. adjournment by call of the Chair.

Mark E. Wiley, Chairperson
Board of Commissioners

Marney M. Kast,
County Clerk