

21The Special Meeting of the Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners convened on February 17, 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. Regular Agenda
4. Public Comment
5. Commissioner Schmitt
Discussion: Usage of ARPA Funds
6. Public Comment
7. Other Business
8. Adjournment

Present: TJ Leva, Glenn Fobel, Stephenie Kyser, Randy Finley, Matt Word, John Shelling, Tamra Lang, Derek Ringman, Sara Johnson, Michelle Keck, Tim Dixon, David Holcomb and Laura Rahe.

Present via WebEx: Nick Wheeler, JP Rudell, Shaila Arnold and Tommy Smith.

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

C/Wiley turned the meeting over to C/Schmitt.

C/Schmitt first asked if there was a consensus to spend the money. It was the consensus of the Board to spend the ARPA money.

The Board reviewed the request from the following Department Heads and Elected Officials: Circuit Court, District Court, County Clerk, IT, Maintenance, Register of Deeds, Drains, Sheriff's Department, Parks and the Sheriff's Office Staff.

The Board reviewed each request.

9:18 a.m. Mike Kenney entered.

9:36 a.m. Mr. Word exited.

C/Ingles stated that he has prioritized his list from one thru five with one being the most important. S/Schmitt asked that each commissioner do the same.

C/Wiley stressed that it will be difficult to make any decisions until they get a space needs study back on the Courthouse.

Under Public Comment, Glenn Fobel cautioned the Board on spending money that would make government bigger.

Jason Stiverson commented as a citizen of this county and encouraged the Board to really look at our parks.

11:29 a.m. adjournment by call of the Chair.

Mark E. Wiley, Chair
Board of Commissioners

Marney M. Kast,
County Clerk