

The Regular Meeting of the Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners convened on June 14, 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 Leininger.

<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 Leininger
3. Public Comment
4. Consent Agenda:

Review/Correction/Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of May 24, 2022
22-074: Appt. to ETSB: Alternate Citizen-at-Large – Reppert – Re-assignment Knight
22-079: Payrolls/Payables/Transfers – May 2022
22-080: Authorize District Court to Promote Individual to Probation & Fill Vacancy
22-085: Amended FY22 Public Defender Legal Services Contract

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

9:10 a.m. Rebecca Burns, Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph Community Health Agency – 2021 Annual Report

10:00 a.m. Public Hearing: Truth-in-Taxation Hearing

8. Committee Reports:

- A. FACILITIES/TECH/ECON DEVELOPMENT – DOUG INGLES**
22-081: Updated Cell Phone Policy
- B. BUDGET – KATHY SCHMITT**
22-082: Winter Millages and County Allocated 2022
- C. HUMAN SERVICES – BRENT LEININGER**
Discussion: Tabled Motion Regarding Soil Conservation District Tire Disposal
- D. PUBLIC SAFETY/JUDICIARY – BRAD BENZING**
22-083: Community Corrections Advisory Board
- E. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT/MANAGEMENT & PERSONNEL – MARK WILEY**
22-084: Acknowledge June 20, 2022 as Juneteenth Holiday

9. Public Comment
10. Additional Business
11. Adjournment

Present: Stephenie Kyser, J. P. Rudell, Rebecca Burns, Bob Eichler, Laura Rahe, Roy Bodinus and Kelley Mapes.

Under Public Comment, J. P. Rudell gave an update on his office and gave praises to his staff.

Bob Eichler commented on Senior Services Center.

9:07 a.m. Renae Shircliff entered.

Kelley Mapes commented on transparencies and the Senior Center.

Renae Shircliff, Veterans Affairs Director, informed the Board that her office has brought revenue back into Hillsdale County in the amount of a little over twenty seven million dollars. This is done thru compensation to veterans and their families.

9:15 a.m. Ms. Shircliff exited.

C/Leininger moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the removal of Resolution 22-080 and placing it under Management and Personal and pulling Resolution 22-085 to be brought back at the next meeting. Second by C/Benzing. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

9:17 a.m. Bob Eichler exited and re-entered several times throughout the meeting.

C/Leininger moved to approve the Regular Agenda with the addition of Resolution 22-086: Michigan Township Association Dues, under Budget. Second by C/Schmitt. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

9:19 a.m. Rebecca Burns, Health Officer, Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph Community Health Agency, reviewed the 2021 Annual Report with the Board.

9:19 a.m. Jenny Leininger entered.

9:36 a.m. Ms. Burns finished with her report.

9:38 a.m. Ms. Burns exited and David Holcomb entered.

C/Ingles moved to approve Resolution 22-081: Revised Hillsdale County Cell Phone Policy. Second by C/Schmitt. Mr. Holcomb addressed the Cell phone Policy. There was some discussion. Vote unanimous.

CARRIED

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

C/Schmitt moved to approve Resolution 22-086: Payment of \$505.00 to the Michigan Township Association for annual dues. Second by C/Benzing. Vote unanimous.

CARRIED

9:57 a.m. Nick Wheeler entered.

C/Leininger moved to remove the Motion to contract with the Hillsdale County Conservation District for \$1000.00 and to take the funds from the Contractual Services Account from the Table. Second by C/Benzing. Vote unanimous.

CARRIED

C/Benzing moved to amend the Motion to contribute \$200.00 to the Hillsdale County Conservation District. Second by C/Leininger. Vote on amendment unanimous.

CARRIED

Vote on Motion as amended unanimous.

CARRIED

10:02 a.m. Annette Helmuth entered.

10:03 a.m. C/Leininger moved to open the Public Hearing for Truth-in-Taxation. Second by C/Ingles. Vote unanimous.

CARRIED

Nick Wheeler, Equalization Director, informed those present how this process works and what it does for the County.

The following people had questions and comments: Bob Eichler, Bill Watkins and Kelley Mapes.

10:33 a.m. C/Leininger moved to close the Public Hearing. Second by C/Schmitt. Vote unanimous.

CARRIED

C/Schmitt moved to approve Resolution 22-082: The spreading of county taxes for year 2022. Second by C/Leininger. Roll Call Vote: C/Leininger – Yes, C/Ingles – Yes, C/Schmitt – Yes, C/Wiley – Yes, C/Benzing – Yes. Vote: 5-Yes, 0-No.

CARRIED

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

10:41 a.m. Mr. Wheeler exited.

C/Benzing moved to approve Resolution 22-083: The creation of a Community Corrections Advisory Board so that the Circuit Court may begin the process of creating a plan and grant application for submission to the MDOC. Second by C/Wiley. There was a very lengthy discussion.

C/Schmitt moved to Table the Resolution. Second by C/Leininger. Vote unanimous.

CARRIED

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

11:02 a.m. Rebecca Burns re-entered.

C/Wiley moved to approve Resolution 22-080: Authorizing District Court to promote one deputy clerk to Probation Officer at a Non-SEIU Professional/Managerial Level 7 and to hire a deputy clerk at an SEIU Level 6. Second by C/Schmitt. There was some discussion. Vote: 4-Yes, 1-No (C/Leininger)

CARRIED

C/Wiley moved to approve Resolution 22-084: Recognizing Juneteenth as a holiday for county employees in 2022. Second by C/Benzing. There was much discussion. Roll Call Vote: C/Ingles – Yes, C/Schmitt – No, C/Wiley – Yes, C/Benzing – Yes, C/Leininger – No. Vote: 3-Yes, 2-No.

CARRIED

Under Public Comment, Rebecca Burns informed the Board that the Health Departments total expenditures were \$8,461,328.00 and the revenues were \$9,097,113.00.

Roy Bodinus stated that the county should not do the Community Corrections because it is another layer of government.

Annette Helmuth echoed Mr. Bodinus comments.

Stephanie Kyser, Hillsdale County Treasurer, inquired about the Zillow Bills in the legislature.

Bill Watkins thanked the Board for supporting the parks.

Jenny Leininger thanked the Board for their support for the tire collection.

Kelley Mapes commented on several items ranging from the links regarding COVID through the Health Department to fairness of wages.

Bob Eichler commented on the driveway to the Senior Center.

Under Additional Business, C/Leininger addressed some of the comments made during Public Comment.

C/Schmitt inquired about the 4H Educator and commented on the Juneteenth holiday.

12:08 p.m. adjournment by call of the Chair.

Mark E. Wiley, Chair
Board of Commissioners

Marney M. Kast,
County Clerk