

The Regular Meeting of the Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners convened on July 26, 2022 at the Board of Commissioners Room, 33 McCollum Street, Suite 210, Hillsdale, Michigan.

Commissioner Wiley called the meeting to order at 9:02 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 July 12, 2022
 - 22-095: New Hire Policy Checklist Updated
 - 22-097: Authorize Contract with Mende Engineering Solutions for FOC HVAC
5. Correspondence – Listed
6. Regular Agenda
7. Standing Order:
 - 9:10 a.m. Douglas Welton, Audit Manager – Anderson, Tackman & Company, PLC – Audit 2021
 - 9:45 a.m. Brian Locke, Development Specialist with Renaissance Historic Exterior
Update on Courthouse Exterior
8. Committee Reports:
 - A. PUBLIC SAFETY/JUDICIARY – Brad Benzing**
22-096: CPR, Stop the Bleed and Naloxone Training for all County Employees
 - B. FACILITIES/TECHNOLOGY/ECON DEVELOPMENT – Doug Ingles**
 - C. BUDGET – Kathy Schmitt**
 - D. HUMAN SERVICES – Brent Leininger**
 - E. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT/MANAGEMENT & PERSONNEL – Mark Wiley**
9. Public Comment
10. Additional Business
11. Adjournment
 - Present: Stephenie Kyser, Randy Finley, Shannon Clevenger, Karla Adams, Justin Adams, Kelly Mapes, Bob Eichler, Jennie Leininger, Steve Lanius, Jim Graves, Joseph Hendee, Glenn Frobel and Derek Ringman.
 - Randy Finley, Bob Eichler and Karla Adams exited and re-entered several times throughout the meeting.
 - Under Public Comment Kelly Mapes spoke to her termination at the Health Department due to negative comments that have been made on FaceBook.
 - Joseph Hendee stated that a FOIA request was been submitted regarding election records. He states that the State records do not match the counties. He questioned Andrew Fink’s residency. Thanked the Board for posting the meeting dates in the appropriate place. He feels that the FOIA to the Health Department regarding Kelly Mapes is a smear campaign and stated that the county’s law suits need to be acknowledged publicly.
 - 9:10 a.m. Mr. Hendee exited.
 - Karla Adams commented on the Precinct Delegates, issues with Adams Township and is asking that the Sheriff and County Clerk Marney Kast to step down from their elected positions.
 - Jennie Leininger updated the Board on the recent tire collection.
 - Bob Eichler commented on the millage for the 800 MGHZ, the Senior Center and the incident with C/Benzing.
 - C/Leininger asked to pull Resolution 22-097 from the Consent Agenda and place it under Facilities and 22-095 under Public Safety.
 - C/Benzing moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Second by C/Leininger. Vote unanimous. CARRIED
 - C/Leininger moved to approve the Regular Agenda with the addition of a Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Union Negotiations after the Chairperson’s Report. Second by C/Schmitt. Vote unanimous. CARRIED
 - 9:21 A.M. Douglas Welton, Audit Manager from Anderson, Tackman & Company, reviewed the 2021 Audit with the Board.
 - 9:53 a.m. Steven Lanius exited.
 - 9:54 a.m. Mr. Welton finished with his report.
 - C/Schmitt moved to accept the Audit and place it on file. Second by C/Leininger. Vote unanimous. CARRIED
 - 9:55 a.m. Mr. Welton exited and Mr. Lanius re-entered.
 - Brian Locke and Jake Verigan from Renaissance Historic Exteriors, reviewed their findings on the condition of the Courthouse. There was a lengthy discussion.
 - 10:05 a.m. Ms. Leininger exited.
 - 10:53 a.m. Mr. Locke and Mr. Verigan finished and exited. Recess was called.
 - 11:00 a.m. back in session.
 - C/Benzing moved to approve Resolution 22-095: Updated new employee on boarding checklist, which adds the requirement of fingerprinting for all new hires. Second by C/Wiley. There was much discussion.
 - C/Leininger moved to Table. Second by C/Ingles. Vote unanimous. TABLED

C/Benzing moved to approve Resolution 22-096: Accepting the quote from Safety Innovations in the amount of \$9,750.00 for 130 employees to take training on CPR, Stop the Bleed and Naloxone. Second by C/Ingles. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

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

C/Ingles moved to approve Resolution 22-097: Authorizing Randy Finley, Maintenance Director, to sign the Friend of the Court HVAC engineering contract with Mende Engineering Solutions in the amount of \$18,640.00. Second by C/Benzing. Roll Call Vote: C/Benzing – Yes, C/Leininger – No, C/Ingles – Yes, C/Schmitt – Yes, C/Wiley – Yes. Vote: 4-Yes, 1-No. CARRIED

C/Ingles gave an update on items under his committee including a proposal for the sale of the Courthouse Annex Building in the amount of \$236,000. There was some discussion.

C/Ingles moved to authorize Randy Finley to negotiate the potential sale of the Courthouse Annex. Second by C/Leininger. Vote: 4-Yes, 1-No (C/Benzing). CARRIED

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

11:51 a.m. Mr. Graves exited.

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

C/Wiley gave an update on a few items of interest.

12:20 p.m. Ms. Clevenger exited.

C/Wiley stated that he received a letter from County Clerk Marney Kast and Chief Deputy Clerk Abe Dane. C/Wiley read the following:

To the Honorable Commissioners,

We are asking for your permission, based on Resolution 07-050, to hire a replacement for our outgoing Deputy Clerk, Circuit Court Specialist at level 7. This position has historically been level 7 since the aforementioned resolution was passed in 2007. When it has not been a level 7, it was in an effort to be frugal with our budget. Please don't punish us for that. There have been two deputy clerks at level 7 in this position since 2007, and the current employee was set to move up to level 7 in the near future based on proficiency with election programming. In summary, we see the need to entice and hire a high-quality individual at level 7, and move our current deputy in this position to a level 7 while she trains her replacement. Our outgoing Deputy Clerk will fully transition to Circuit Court by November 2022.

There was some discussion.

C/Schmitt moved to allow the County Clerk's Office to hire an individual to replace the outgoing Deputy Clerk, Circuit Court Specialist at a level 7, year 2 with a start date no sooner than August 15, 2022. Second by C/Benzing. There was much discussion. Roll Call Vote: C/Leininger – No, C/Ingles – Yes, C/Schmitt – Yes, C/Wiley – Yes, C/Benzing – Yes. Vote: 4-Yes, 1-No. CARRIED

C/Benzing moved to increase the current Deputy Clerk, Circuit Court Specialist to a pay scale of level 7, year 2 effective on the start date of her replacement until such time as she transitions into a full-time position with Circuit Court. Second by C/Schmitt. Roll Call Vote: C/Ingles – Yes, C/Schmitt – Yes, C/Wiley – Yes, C/Benzing – Yes, C/Leininger – No. Vote: 4-Yes, 1-No. CARRIED

12:14 p.m. C/Leininger moved to go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Union Negotiations. Second by C/Benzing. Roll Call Vote: C/Schmitt – Yes, C/Wiley – Yes, C/Benzing – Yes, C/Leininger – Yes, C/Ingles – Yes. Vote: 5-Yes, 0-No. CARRIED

12:47 p.m. back in Regular Session.

Under Public Comment, Karla Adams commented on the Election, an e-mail she received from the Sheriff and questioned why we are not waiting for the results from the space study before making decisions regarding the courthouse.

Judge Stiverson expressed her concerns over the possible sale of the Courthouse Annex and asked why she had not been informed. She stated that this could potentially displace the District Court and the citizens that it serves.

Laura Rahe echoed Judge Stiverson's concerns.

Bob Eichler commented on the Aquifer and on the incident with C/Benzing.

Kelly Mapes again commented on her dismissal from the Health Department, concerns about the upcoming election and asked if there were Drain Commission meetings.

Under Additional Business, C/Leininger clarified an item regarding the Audit that is posted on-line.

C/Benzing moved to pay the Board of Commissioners for one half day instead of one whole day. Second by C/Schmitt. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

C/Wiley gave an update the Aquifer.

1:07 p.m. adjournment by call of the Chair.

Mark E. Wiley, Chair
Board of Commissioners

Marney M. Kast,
County Clerk