

The Regular Meeting of the Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners convened on August 23, 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 August 9, 2022

22-103: Acceptance of Proposal from Renaissance Roofing, Inc. to begin Restoration Work on the Courthouse

22-104: Acceptance of Proposal from Renaissance Roofing, Inc. to begin the Masonry Assessment on the Courthouse

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

9:10 a.m. Maribeth Leonard, Chief Executive Officer, LifeWays – Quarterly Report

9:30 a.m. Julie Wetherby, Executive Director – Region 2 Area Agency on Aging – Annual Report – October 1, 2020 thru July 31, 2022

8. Committee Reports:

**A. BUDGET – Kathy Schmitt**

**B. HUMAN SERVICES – Brent Leininger**

**C. PUBLIC SAFETY/JUDICIARY – Brad Benzing**

**D. FACILITIES/TECHNOLOGY/ECON DEVELOPMENT – Doug Ingles**

Discussion: Purchase of Annex – Eric Long

**E. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT/MANAGEMENT & PERSONNEL – Mark Wiley**

22-105: Authorize Chair to sign the Agreement with Jonesville Community Schools/Probate and Juvenile Court Division – SHARE Program

9. Public Comment
10. Additional Business
11. Adjournment

Present: Joseph Hendee, Mr. & Mrs. McLain, Maribeth Leonard, Robert Socha, Julie Wetherby, Nichole Baker, Laura Rahe, Lisa Wallace, Annette Helmuth and Jim Graves.

Under Public Comment, Laura Rahe informed the Board that District Court will need to replace two clerks and another one in December. She also commented regarding the sale of the Annex.

Joseph Hendee stated that he is tired of Public Officials acting in bad faith and that he feels the Board of Commissioners should acknowledge law suits.

Robert Socha, addressed the Board regarding partnering with the county, cities, townships and villages to get internet services to our rural areas.

Lisa Wallace spoke regarding school safety.

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

C/Benzing moved to approve the Regular Agenda as amended to move the Facilities/Technology/Econ Development report before Finance. Second by C/Leininger. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

9:16 a.m. Mr. Hendee exited.

9:17 a.m. Maribeth Leonard, Chief Executive Officer, LifeWays reviewed her Quarterly Report with the Board.

9:30 a.m. Ms. Leonard finished and exited.

9:31 a.m. Julie Wetherby, Executive Director, Region 2 Area Agency on Aging, reviewed her Annual Report with the Board.

9:36 a.m. Eric Long and Eric Doden entered.

9:42 a.m. Ms. Wetherby finished with her report.

9:43 a.m. Eric Doden from PAGOUSA addressed the Board about his interest in purchasing the Courthouse Annex. He also explained that he has already purchased three other buildings in the downtown area. There was a very lengthy discussion.

9:45 a.m. Randy Finley entered.

9:55 a.m. Ms. Helmuth, Ms. Wetherby and Ms. Baker exited.

9:57 a.m. Ms. Helmuth re-entered.

10:13 a.m. Mr. Long, Mr. Doden, Mr. Socha and Mr. Graves exited.

C/Ingles moved to remove the Motion altering the number of Road Commissioners from three to five effective after January 1, 2023 from the Table. Second by C/Leininger. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

There was much discussion. Roll Call Vote: C/Leininger – Yes, C/Ingles – Yes, C/Schmitt – No, C/Wiley – No, C/Benzing – Yes. Vote: 3-Yes, 2-No. CARRIED

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

10:34 a.m. Mr. Finley exited.

C/Schmitt stated that she feels adding two more people to the Road Commission Board is expanding government when they should better manage and modernize what they already have. She also gave a brief update on the budget meetings.

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

C/Benzing moved to approve Resolution 22-105: Authorizing the chair to sign the Agreement between Jonesville Community Schools/Hillsdale County Probate Court Juvenile Division SHARE Program for the 2022-2023 School Year. Second by C/Wiley. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

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

C/Wiley gave an update on items of interest.

Under Public Comment, Joyce McLain commented on the condition of her road. She stated that there had never a problem until this year.

Lisa Wallace commented on Brott Road and the safety of our school children.

Annette Helmuth agreed with C/Schmitt's comments regarding the Road Commission.

A couple comments were made by the Board under Additional Business.

11:12 a.m. adjournment by call of the Chair.

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Mark E. Wiley, Chair  
Board of Commissioners

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Marney M. Kast,  
County Clerk