

The Regular Meeting of the Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners convened on September 13, 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 Benzing.

<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 Benzing
3. Public Comment
4. Consent Agenda:

Review & Correction/Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of August 23, 2022

22-106: Payroll, Payables & Transfers – August 2022

22-107: Confirmation – Rehman Audit Engagement Letter Terms and Conditions for the Hillsdale County Road Commission

22-108: Authorize Chair to sign the MIDC FY23 Public Defender Administrator Services Contract

22-109: Authorize Chair to sign the MIDC FY23 Public Defender Legal Services Contract

22-110: Authorize the Chair to sign the MIDC FY23 Public Defender Legal Services Contract – Arraignment Attorney

22-111: Appointment to the Social Services Board DHS/Medical Care

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

9:10 a.m. Steve Currie, Executive Director of Michigan Association of Counties – Updates & Legislative Issues

8. Committee Reports:

- A. **HUMAN SERVICES – Brent Leininger**
- B. **PUBLIC SAFETY/JUDICIARY – Brad Benzing**
- C. **FACILITIES/TECHNOLOGY/ECON DEVELOPMENT – Doug Ingles**
- D. **BUDGET – Kathy Schmitt**
- E. **CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT/MANAGEMENT & PERSONNEL – Mark Wiley**

9. Public Comment
10. Additional Business
11. Adjournment

C/Wiley gave the Prayer and Pledge in place of C/Benzing who was absent.

Present: Steve Currie, Ken McClellan, Jon Beckwith, Kathy Beckwith, Penny Swan, Bonnie Tew and Mr. & Mrs. McLain.

Under Public Comment, Ken McClellan stated the two new Road Commission seats should have been done by election and not by appointment.

C/Schmitt moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the removal of Resolution 22-107 and placing it under C/Ingles report. Second by C/Leininger. Vote: 4-Yes, 0-No, 1-Absent. CARRIED

C/Leininger moved to approve the Regular Agenda with the addition of a Closed Session after the Chairperson’s Report. Second by C/Ingles. Vote: 4-Yes, 0-No, 1-Absent. CARRIED

9:08 a.m. Steve Currie, Executive Director of Michigan Association of Counties, reviewed updates and Legislative issues with the Board.

9:22 a.m. Mr. Currie finished and exited.

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

C/Ingles gave an update on Public Safety issues.

C/Ingles moved to approve Resolution 22-107: Confirming Rehman Audit Engagement Letter Terms and Conditions for the Hillsdale County Road Commission. Second by C/Leininger. C/Ingles stated that he wanted to add MCL 224.27 which states that this Board needs to confirm the Auditor but does not hire them. C/Leininger was supportive of this addition to the Resolution. Vote: 4-Yes, 0-No, 1-Absent. CARRIED

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

9:47 a.m. Laura Rahe entered.

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

C/Wiley gave an update on items of interest.

9:56 a.m. C/Leininger moved to go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Attorney/Client privilege pursuant to MCL 15.268(h) to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute. Second by C/Ingles. Roll Call Vote: C/Ingles – Yes, C/Schmitt – Yes, C/Wiley – Yes, C/Benzing – Absent, C/Leininger – Yes. Vote: 4-Yes, 0-No, 1-Absent. CARRIED

10:33 a.m. back in regular session.

Present: Bonnie Tew, Jon Beckwith, Laura Rahe and Penny Swan.

C/Leininger moved that the Board of Commissioners for Hillsdale County retain the law firm Keller Thoma, P.C. for the reasons presented in Closed Session. Second by C/Ingles. Roll Call Vote: C/Schmitt – Yes, C/Wiley – Yes, C/Benzing – Absent, C/Leininger – Yes, C/Ingles – Yes. Vote: 4-Yes, 0-No, 1-Absent. CARRIED

Under Public Comment, Jon Beckwith expressed concerns over a dead tree that is hanging over Lake Wilson Road between Mechanic and Walmart. He is requesting that someone look into it and have it removed. He also expressed concerns over the Solar Farms.

10:42 a.m. adjournment by call of the Chair.

Mark E. Wiley, Chair
Board of Commissioners

Marney M. Kast,
County Clerk