The Regular Meeting of the Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners convened on September 11, 2018 at the Board of Commissioners Room/Probate Courtroom, 29 N. Howell Street, 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 Burtka.

**ROLL CALL:**

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**AGENDA:**

1. Call to Order
2. Prayer & Pledge by Commissioner Burtka
3. Public Comment
4. Consent Agenda
   - Review & Correction/Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of August 28, 2018
   - 18-096: Payroll, Payable & Transfers – August 2018
   - 18-097: Approval of Kimberley Burger as Public Defender Administrator (Eff.10/1/18)
5. Correspondence - Listed
6. Regular Agenda
7. Standing Order: 9:10 a.m. Dr. Bader Cassin, Lenawee/Hillsdale County Medical Examiner, Updates and Statistics
8. Committee Reports:
   - A. HUMAN SERVICES – RUTH BROWN
   - B. PUBLIC SAFETY – JOHN BURTKA
     - Discussion: Finance Manager's Compensation
   - C. FACILITIES/TECHNOLOGY/ECON DEVELOPMENT – JULIE GAMES
   - D. FINANCE – BRUCE CASWELL
   - E. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT/ MANAGEMENT & PERSONNEL – MARK WILEY
     - Update: Informational Meeting – Michindoh Aquifer

9. Public Comment
10. Additional Business
11. Adjournment

Present: Dr. Cassin, Stephenie Kyser, Tim Shaw, Sheriff Parker, Derek Ringman, Roy Bodinus, Bob Eicher, Judge Bianchi, Bill Watkins, Andy Barrand, Kris Shaneour, Marv Sober and Chris Myers.

C/Brown informed all who were present that at 12:30 p.m. today there will be a 9/11 Memorial Service at Hillsdale College.

Under Public Comment: Kris Shaneour informed the Board that District Court will be holding a Job Fair on September 17, 2017 from 5pm to 7pm and have show caused many people to this Job Fair in order to help them get jobs so that they can pay their fines.

Ms. Shaneour also stated that there will be a Drug Court Graduation on October 25, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. and the commissioners are invited to attend. She stated that there will be two graduates.

Bill Watkins, Parks Board Member, stated that the Board would like to see something in the new proposed Parks Ordinance that addresses swimming and boating. They do not want people swimming or boating at Lewis Emery Park.

Bob Eicher addressed the Board regarding the spraying that was done by the Road Commission. C/Wiley stated that he needs to take this issue up with the Road Commission and that this Board has no authority over them. Mr. Eicher also commented on the Michindoh Aquifer.

C/Games moved to approve the Consent Agenda with removing Resolution 18-097 and placing it under Finance. Second by C/Burtka. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

C/Brown moved to approve the Regular Agenda with the addition of Resolution 18-098: Setting the Truth-in-Taxation Hearing under Finance. Second by C/Games. Vote unanimous. CARRIED.
9:16 a.m. Dr. Bader Cassin, Hillsdale – Lenawee County Medical Examiner, reviewed the autopsy statistics for Hillsdale County. There was some discussion.

9:53 a.m. Dr. Cassin finished and exited along with Judge Bianchi and Derek Ringman.

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

C/Burtka asked Sheriff Parker to give an update on the jail.

Sheriff Parker informed the Board that the Jail now has a new inmate phone system. He stated that the county will be making more revenue and the families of the inmates will be spending less money per call. He stated that the previous vendor charged $.90 per minute per call and the new vendor charges $.20 per minute. He also stated that they now have an inmate video system in place so the inmates can have a call with family and see them no matter where they are calling from.

10:07 a.m. Mr. Ringman re-entered.

C/Burtka brought Mr. Ringman’s compensation up for discussion. C/Burtka stated the wages of other appointed department heads which range from $59,000 to $70,000 per year. He stated that all had received a minimum of a 20% increase and Mr. Ringman has received 4.5% in the same amount of time.

C/Burtka moved to move Mr. Ringman’s salary to $59,000 by implementing a $5,000 increase in 2019 and a $4,000 increase in 2020. Second by C/Games. There was a lengthy discussion which included addressing this through the budget process.

10:26 a.m. Ms. Shaneour exited.

After much discussion the motion and second were withdrawn.

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

C/Caswell moved to approve Resolution 18-097: Authorizing the Chair to sign the 2018 Public Defender Administrator Contract with Kimberely Burger. Second by C/Brown. There was some discussion. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

C/Caswell moved to approve Resolution 18-098: Setting the Truth-in-Taxation Hearing for September 25, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. Second by C/Brown. There was some discussion. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

There was some discussion on the proposed Parks Ordinance.

C/Wiley gave a report on the Michindoh Aquifer meeting that he attended in Bryan Ohio. There was much discussion.

C/Wiley updated the Board on the Veteran’s Affairs Office. He also stated that Bill Word has stepped down as a Board member and that they will be seeking to replace him and adding two alternate members.

Under Public Comment, Marv Sober addressed the Board regarding where notices should be posted in order to better inform the Public.

Roy Bodinus stated that he would like to know when the next meeting regarding the Michindoh Aquifer would be held.

11:43 a.m. Mr. Sober exited.

Bob Eicher spoke again regarding the spraying along the road sides.

Bill Watkins spoke regarding the Aquifer

Under Additional Business, C/Caswell addressed the need for Care Coordinators at the Hospital for mental illness patients.

C/Caswell also cautioned the Board regarding the push to switch to a National Popular Vote. He stated that it passed the House of Representatives and is on its way to the Senate.

11:50 a.m. Mr. Eicher exited.

11:53 a.m. adjournment by call of the Chair.

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Mark E. Wiley, Chair Marney M. Kast,  
Board of Commissioners County Clerk