The Regular Meeting of the Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners convened on December 20, 2013 in the Board of Commissioners Room, 29 N. Howell Street, Hillsdale, Michigan.

Commissioner Burtka called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America by Commissioner Welden.

ROLL CALL:
1. Ruth Brown
2. Mark Wiley
3. Brad Benzing
4. Andy Welden
5. John Burtka

AGENDA:
1. Call to Order
2. Prayer & Pledge by Commissioner Welden
3. Public Comment
4. Consent Agenda
   - Review & Correction/Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of Dec. 10, 2013
   - 13-161: Autopsy Agreement with Lucas County
   - 13-162: Deposit & Investment of County Funds for 2014
   - 13-163: 2010 Tax Revolving Fund Transfer
   - 13-165: Payment to MMRMA
   - 13-166: Payment to Broadspire Services, Inc
5. Correspondence - None
6. Regular Agenda
7. Standing Order:
   - 9:10 a.m. Randy Finley, Facilities Director - Update on DHS Building
8. Committee Reports:
   A. FINANCE - ANDY WELDEN
      - 13-159: Tentative Approval of the Proposed 2014 General Fund Budget
      - 13-160: Tentative Approval of the Proposed 2014 Special Revenue, Debt Retirement, Construction and Enterprise Fund Budgets
      - Set Public Hearing for the Adoption of the 2014 General Fund, Special Revenue, Debt Retirement, Construction and Enterprise Fund Budgets
      - 13-164: Amend Expenditure Side of the 2013 General Fund Budget
   B. HUMAN SERVICES/JUDICIARY - BRAD BENZING
   C. FACILITIES/TECH/ECON DEVELOPMENT - RUTH BROWN
   D. PUBLIC SAFETY - MARK WILEY
      - 13-167: Authorize the Chair to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with MSUE for 2014
   E. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT/MGMT & PERSONNEL - JOHN BURTKA
      - 13-169: Hire Chief Fiscal Officer
9. Public Comment
10. Additional Business
11. Adjournment

Present: Vickie Reynolds-Boyd, Derek Ringman, Mike Messenger, Andy Barrand, Randy Finley, Doug Sanford, Matt Shane, and Shelby Bollwahn

C/Welden moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by C/Wiley. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

C/Benzing moved to approve the Regular Agenda with the removal of Resolution 13-168 from Finance and placing it under Public Safety. Second by C/Wiley. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

Under Public Comment, Mike Messenger addressed the Board regarding the law on funding the Veteran's Affairs Office.
9:07 a.m. Randy Finley, Facilities Director, gave an update on the Department of Human Services Building. He stated that there is a problem with the control system and that parts are no longer available for the unit that is currently installed. He also stated that he went out for bids and received three responses. Control Solutions - $16,210.00, Vertex Integrations - $15,830.00 and Johnson Controls - $14,600. Mr. Finley stated that he would like to use Johnson Controls, not only are they the lowest bidder but their product is more compatible with our system.

C/Welden moved to direct Mr. Finley to proceed with the purchase from Johnson Controls for $14,600. Second by C/Wiley. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

9:12 a.m. Neal Brady entered.

C/Welden moved to approve Resolution 13-158: Amending Resolution 13-089 to reflect Additional Compensation for the Emergency Management Director. Second by C/Wiley. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

9:15 a.m. Mr. Finley exited.

C/Welden moved to approve Resolution 13-159: Tentative approval of the proposed 2014 General Fund Budget. Second by C/Wiley. There was much discussion on the following items: Board of Commissioners Budget with regard to a secretary, the Drain Commission Budget and the Parks Appropriation.

C/Benzing moved to amend the Board of Commissioners Budget by adding $32,000 for the hiring of a secretary. Second by C/Wiley. There was some discussion. Roll Call Vote: C/Benzing - Yes, C/Burtka - Yes, C/Brown - No, C/Welden - Yes, C/Wiley - Yes. Vote: 4-Yes, 1-No. CARRIED

C/Benzing moved to reduce the Parks Appropriation by $3,000 making the Budget amount $22,000. Second by C/Wiley. There was some discussion. Roll Call Vote: C/Burtka - Yes, C/Brown - Yes, C/Welden - No, C/Wiley - Yes, C/Benzing - Yes. Vote: 4-Yes, 1-No. CARRIED

C/Benzing moved to amend the Drain Commission Budget by reducing it by $83,508 which sets the Budget at $135,134 per the request from the Drain Commissioner. Second by C/Wiley. Roll Call Vote: C/Brown - Yes, C/Welden - Yes, C/Wiley - Yes, C/Benzing - Yes, C/Burtka - Yes. Vote: 5-Yes, 0-No. CARRIED

Roll Call Vote on Resolution as amended: C/Welden - Yes, C/Wiley - Yes, C/Benzing - Yes. Vote: 5-Yes, 0-No.

C/Benzing moved to direct the IT Director to post the Tentatively Approved Proposed 2014 Budgets to the Website by noon on Monday December 23, 2013. Second by C/Wiley. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

C/Welden moved to approve Resolution 13-160: The proposed 2014 Special Revenue, Debt Retirement, Construction and Enterprise Fund Budgets. Second by C/Wiley. There was much discussion.

9:47 a.m. Gary Leininger entered.

9:51 a.m. Roger Boardman and Sheriff Stan Burchardt entered and Neal Brady exited. Mr. Leininger stated that he does not see the Public Hearing on the Agenda.

9:55 a.m. recess.

10:00 a.m. back in session.

C/Welden moved to Table Resolution 13-160. Second by C/Benzing. Vote unanimous. TABLED

10:01 a.m. C/Welden moved to open the Public Hearing on the 2014 proposed General Fund, Special Revenue, Debt Retirement, Construction and Enterprise Fund Budgets. Second by C/Benzing. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

Gary Leininger, Hillsdale County Treasurer reviewed with the Board several of the Fund Budgets.

10:14 a.m. C/Welden moved to close the Public Hearing. Second by C/Wiley. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

C/Welden moved to remove Resolution 13-160 from the Table. Second by C/Wiley. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

Roll Call Vote on Resolution 13-160: C/Wiley - Yes, C/Benzing - Yes, C/Burtka - Yes, C/Brown - Yes, C/Welden - Yes. Vote: 5-Yes, 0-No. CARRIED

C/Welden stated that because the Public hearing was held today there is no need to set another Public Hearing.

C/Welden moved to approve Resolution 13-164: Amendments to the expenditure side of the 2013 Budget. Second by C/Wiley. Roll Call Vote: C/Burtka - Yes, C/Brown - Yes, C/Welden - Yes, C/Wiley - Yes, C/Benzing - Yes. Vote: 5-Yes, 0-No. CARRIED

10:30 a.m. Bill Word Exited.

C/Benzing updated the Board on items under his committee.

C/Brown updated the Board on items under her committee.

C/Wiley updated the Board on items under his committee.
C/Wiley moved to approve Resolution 13-167: Authorizing the Chair to sign the MSU Extension Memorandum of Understanding Annual Work Plan for 2014. Second by C/Welden. Vote unanimous. CARRIED


There was some discussion on who would need to be covered on the Health Insurance per new laws.

C/Burtka moved to approve Resolution 13-169: Confirming the hiring of Derek Ringman as Finance Manager for the County of Hillsdale for an annual salary of $48,500. Second by C/Welden. Roll Call Vote: C/Brown - Yes, C/Welden - Yes, C/Wiley - Yes, C/Benzing - Yes, C/Burtka - Yes. Vote: 5-Yes, 0-No. CARRIED

C/Wiley moved to appoint Derek Ringman as Chief Fiscal Officer. Second by C/Benzing. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

Under Public Comment, Matt Shane and Shelby Bollwahn spoke regarding the Livestock Environment Educator.

C/Welden moved to suspend the Board Rules and set the Organizational Meeting for January 7, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. Second by C/Benzing. Vote unanimous. CARRIED

11:07 a.m. adjournment by call of the Chair.