

Attention: Commissioner Mark Wiley

To the Honorable County and State Representatives, Committee Members, and Oversight Officials,

The primary purpose of this correspondence is to formally request placement on the Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners' agenda so that I may address the Board in an extensive manner, as required by the Board's Rules of Procedure and By-Laws. That agenda-placement request is attached to this correspondence.

This correspondence is also provided as formal notice to county and state officials that, based on prior conduct by the Chair and the Board, there is a reasonable expectation that this lawful request may be denied. Accordingly, this notice is sent to ensure transparency and preserve the public record.

Attached to this correspondence are the following documents:

A Request for Agenda Placement to Address the Board, submitted pursuant to Article V, Rule 5.13(4) of the Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners Rules of Procedure and By-Laws;

A Demand Letter and Proposed Resolution previously submitted to the Board of Commissioners concerning election-record preservation and referral duties.

Purpose of the Agenda Request

The attached agenda-placement request seeks only the opportunity to present materials to the full Board in an extensive manner, as expressly required by the Board's own rules when timely requested. The purpose of that presentation is to allow commissioners other than the Chair the opportunity, in public session, to determine whether any commissioner wishes to make a motion regarding the placement or consideration of the submitted Demand Letter and Proposed Resolution.

The request does not seek adjudication, prosecution, or interference with any judicial proceeding. It seeks transparency and lawful governance.

Nature of the Underlying Matter

The submitted materials arise from sworn testimony given under oath in an election-related criminal proceeding and from a District Court ruling dismissing a search warrant as unlawful. These are completed judicial actions and part of the permanent court record.

The request concerns governance duties that arise once a county governing body is placed on notice of credible issues affecting election administration and County operations, including:

transparency in public deliberation under the Michigan Open Meetings Act;

preservation of election records as required by state and federal law; and

avoidance of ratification through deliberate inaction after notice.

Why This Notice Is Being Provided

Based on prior refusal to place these matters on the agenda and refusal to deliberate following public comment, there is a reasonable expectation that this bylaw-based request may again be denied. This correspondence is therefore sent in advance to ensure that officials and oversight bodies are aware that lawful notice has been given and that procedural compliance is being sought.

Why This Matters

Election integrity extends beyond Election Day. It includes the lawful custody, preservation, and oversight of election records and officials. When governing bodies refuse lawful presentation or decline to deliberate after notice, public confidence is undermined regardless of party or outcome.

I respectfully request that you review the attached documents in light of the offices you hold and the committees on which you serve, and that you take whatever steps you deem appropriate to ensure that election-integrity concerns and governance duties are addressed openly and in accordance with law.

Respectfully,

Lance Lashaway
Vice Chair
Hillsdale Conservatives
Hillsdale County, Michigan