

HARDIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES – JANUARY 16, 2019  
WEDNESDAY - 10:00 A.M.  
COURTHOUSE LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM

At 9:00 a.m. a meeting was held to review plans and specifications for the Courthouse HVAC replacement system and Courthouse east entrance project. Present: Supervisors Reneé McClellan, Lance Granzow and BJ Hoffman; and Jody Mesch, Matt Jones, Micah Cutler, Pauline Lloyd, Michael Nolan, Rick Gustin, Matt Kane, Justin Ites, and Rick Patrie. No action was necessary at this time; informational only.

At 10:00 a.m. Chair Reneé McClellan called the meeting to order. Also present were Supervisors Lance Granzow and BJ Hoffman; and Jody Mesch, Mark Buschkamp, Angela De La Riva, Curt Groen, Wes Wiese, Eric Armstrong, Justin Ites, Machel Eichmeier, Lori Kadner, Micah Cutler, Rick Patrie, Korey DeBerg, Taylor Roll, Bob Juber, Donna Juber, Pauline Lloyd, Julie Duhn, and Nancy Lauver.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Hoffman moved, Granzow seconded to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the minutes of 1/9/2019. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, Granzow seconded to approve the 1/16/2019 claims for payment. Hoffman then moved, Granzow seconded to amend the motion to include approval of the claim dated 12/19/2018 for \$62.51, payable to Franklin County Emergency Management. Motion carried on both items.

Two bids were opened for financing of the Courthouse HVAC replacement project. Green Belt Bank & Trust, Option 1: 4.05% fixed for 10 years, or Option 2: 3.75% fixed for first 5 years, then fixed for 5 years at 2% above the 5-year treasury rate. Great Western Bank: 4.1% fixed rate for 10 years. A public hearing will be held on the bids on Friday, January 18, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Hoffman moved, Granzow seconded to approve the pay increase for Davis Horton, Conservation Interpretive Program Assistant, to \$20.19/hour, effective 1/16/2019. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, Granzow seconded to approve the resignation of Cody Barloon, Conservation Department, effective 1/9/2019. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the Sheriff's monthly report for December 2018. Motion carried.

WHEREUPON Board Member Hoffman moved that the following Resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-04  
Resolution for Revision of Policy for Transport of Human Remains

WHEREAS, the best interests of Hardin County will be served by setting forth procedures to be used by medical examiner investigators in situations involving the removal of a body from the place of death.

BE IT RESOLVED, that whenever a medical examiner investigator inspects a death scene and makes a determination that an autopsy of the decedent will be necessary, the following procedures will be used:

CONTACT WITH NEXT OF KIN

The medical examiner investigator will make all reasonable efforts to contact the next of kin of the decedent. Said contact will be made to inform the next of kin of the death if they have not been previously notified, to determine if there is a funeral contract or pre-arrangement with any funeral home, and in the absence of any pre-arrangement to determine whether or not there is a preference as to which funeral home they want to handle the funeral arrangements.

The funeral home which holds a contract or pre-arrangements, or in absence of any pre-arrangements, the funeral home selected by the next of kin will be called and provided the opportunity to remove the body from the place of death directly to the funeral home selected. Furthermore, if an autopsy is needed, the funeral home selected will be provided the opportunity to transport the body between such funeral home and the facility where the autopsy will be performed. If such funeral home does transport the decedent for autopsy, Hardin County will provide funding for the autopsy transportation at the rate established by the County.

#### NO NEXT OF KIN OR INABILITY TO CONTACT NEXT OF KIN

If there is no next of kin or there is an inability to contact the next of kin, the medical examiner investigator will contact the funeral home in the community closest to the decedent's residence and provide such funeral home the opportunity to remove the body from the place of death directly to that funeral home. If there is more than one funeral home in the community closest to the decedent's residence, the medical examiner investigator shall check with all funeral homes in such community to see if there is a funeral contract or pre-arrangement with any funeral home. If so, then that funeral home will be given the opportunity to remove the body from the place of death directly to that funeral home. Further, if an autopsy is needed, that funeral home will be provided the opportunity to transport the body between such funeral home and the facility where the autopsy will be performed. If such funeral home does transport the decedent for autopsy, Hardin County will provide funding for the autopsy transportation at the rate established by the County. If there is no pre-arrangement or contract, then the medical examiner investigator shall alternate between said funeral homes in providing the opportunity of transporting the decedent to and from the autopsy facility. In either event noted above, Hardin County will provide funding for the transportation at the rate established by the County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that wherever a medical examiner investigator inspects a death scene and makes a determination that an autopsy of the decedent will not be necessary, the procedures set forth above will still be used. If Hardin County is responsible for funding of such transportation in the event that an autopsy is not required, payment will be made at the rate established by the County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Hardin County hereby establishes a rate of County funded payment for the transportation of bodies in situations noted above. In addition, should any funeral home refuse to provide the autopsy transportation in any particular death, then the medical examiner investigator shall contact the nearest designated funeral home to provide such transportation for that particular death. A refusal to provide autopsy transportation in any one death case shall not be deemed a refusal to provide future autopsy transportation in connection with future deaths. A designated funeral home is one which has agreed to provide such transportation, etc. at the payment rates established by the County.

- Basic services of funeral director and staff for removal of a body: \$200
- Transportation: \$1.00/per mile
- Use of vehicle and equipment for transporting remains: \$125
- Preparing remains after autopsy: \$100

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the medical examiner investigator shall submit a written claim for services to the Hardin County Auditor's office no later than 30 days after the date of death of the decedent.

The motion was seconded by Board Member Granzow and after due consideration thereof, the roll was called and the following Board Members voted:

AYES: Hoffman, Granzow and McClellan  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

Whereupon, the Chair of the Board of Supervisors declared said Resolution duly passed and adopted this 16th day of January, 2019.

/s/ Reneé McClellan  
Reneé McClellan, Chair  
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

/s/Jessica Lara  
Jessica Lara  
Hardin County Auditor

Utility Permits:

Hoffman moved, Granzow seconded to approve the utility permit application submitted by Aureon for the purpose of boring and burying fiber north along County Highway S27 from County Highway D25 to Main Street, Alden, then north from County Highway S25 to County Highway C73, then east along C73 to State Highway 65, then passing south under State Highway 65 and continuing east along State Highway 65/57 to the City of Ackley. Motion carried.

Secondary Roads Department: None.

Public Comments:

Public Comments were received regarding the Construction Evaluation Resolution.

Other Business: None.

Granzow moved, Hoffman seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

At 10:30 a.m. a meeting was held with the County Treasurer regarding the FY 2020 budget and financing. Present: Supervisors Reneé McClellan, Lance Granzow, and BJ Hoffman; and Treasurer Machel Eichmeier and Jody Mesch. No action was necessary; discussion only.

Hoffman moved, Granzow seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

/s/ Reneé McClellan  
Reneé McClellan, Chair  
Board of Supervisors

/s/ Jessica Lara  
Jessica Lara  
Hardin County Auditor