

HARDIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 30, 2020
WEDNESDAY - 9:00 A.M.
COURTHOUSE LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM

Chair Lance Granzow called the meeting to order. The meeting was held electronically due to COVID-19 public health risks. Also in attendance were Supervisors BJ Hoffman and René McClellan; and Dave McDaniel, Jessica Lara, JD Holmes, Curt Groen, Sara Baranowski, Connie Mesch, Taylor Roll, Angela De La Riva, Pauline Lloyd, Rocky Reents, Donna Juber, Bob Juber, Cheryl Lawrence, Julie Duhn, Mark Buschkamp, Denise Smith, Michael Pearce, Matt Jones, Thomas Craighton, Lori Kadner, and Angela Silvey.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to approve the September 30, 2020 claims for payment. Motion carried.

Utility Permits:

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to approve Hardin County Utility Permit Application Nos. UT-20-032 and UT-20-033, submitted by Iowa Power & Light. Motion carried.

Secondary Roads:

County Engineer Taylor Roll advised experimental concrete patches were done on D65 and D41, with mixed results. In addition, a new dump truck was purchased.

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the Application for Use of Courthouse Grounds submitted by Crisis Intervention Services for October 5-23 to recognize Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the Annual Urban Renewal Report, Fiscal Year 2019-2020. Roll Call Vote: “Ayes” McClellan, Hoffman, and Granzow. “Nays” None. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to authorize the Hardin County Auditor’s Office to enter into an agreement for receipt of a grant from the Center for Tech and Civic Life. Roll Call Vote: “Ayes” Hoffman, McClellan, and Granzow. “Nays” None. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to approve a tax abatement request for a fire-destroyed mobile home, submitted by Carol Rewerts. The request was granted per Iowa Code 445.62. Roll Call Vote: “Ayes” McClellan, Hoffman, and Granzow. “Nays” None. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to table a motion on Zoom “Chat” features until the October 7, 2020 meeting. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to approve the resignation of Caden Hobson, full-time Dispatcher, effective 09/15/2020. Motion carried.

Emergency Management Update:

Emergency Management Coordinator Thomas Craighton spoke about COVID-19 case numbers, new IDPH guidelines for isolation, point-of-care testing, and reopening long-term care facilities.

As for the derecho, Craighton stated Hardin County was added to an appeal letter, and he is waiting for a decision from FEMA as to whether or not Hardin County will receive Individual Assistance.

McClellan read aloud a letter from County Attorney Darrell Meyer thanking courthouse staff, Jody Mesch, Matt Jones, Michael Pearce, and Craighton for making possible jury trials during COVID.

Public Comments:

Donna Juber acknowledged the derecho cleanup volunteers and commented on coronavirus incidence.

Other Business: None.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

At 1:00 p.m. the Board met for a work session regarding Avesis vision benefit renewal. The meeting was held electronically due to COVID-19 public health risks. In attendance: Supervisors Granzow, Hoffman, and McClellan; and Michael Pearce; Matt Jones; Becca Junker; Cindy Allen, IGHCP; Lori Kadner; and Angela Silvey.

Discussion was held on whether to put the Avesis benefit on a calendar year or a fiscal year renewal schedule. The Board also reviewed plan options for 2021 vision benefits.

Action on plan selection and renewal schedule will take place at the October 7, 2020 meeting.

At 1:16 p.m. Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

Lance Granzow, Chair
Board of Supervisors

Jessica Lara
Hardin County Auditor