

HARDIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES – OCTOBER 28, 2020
WEDNESDAY - 9:00 A.M.
COURTHOUSE LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM

Vice-chair BJ Hoffman called the meeting to order. The meeting was held electronically due to COVID-19 public health risks. Also in attendance were Supervisors Lance Granzow and René McClellan; and Curt Groen, JD Holmes, Becca Junker, Matt Rezab, Pauline Lloyd, Dave McDaniel, Machel Eichmeier, Wes Wiese, Abby Flatness, Connie Mesch, Cheryl Lawrence, Denise Smith, Donna Juber, Bob Juber, Jamie Geisler, Julie Duhn, Allison Scott, Michael Pearce, Matt Jones, Thomas Craighton, Taylor Roll, Jessica Lara, Darrell Meyer, Jessica Sheridan, and Angela Silvey.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the agenda, with the following items stricken: 1) Acknowledge Vacancy on Conservation Board and 2) Request for Mask Requirement for Entering Courthouse. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the minutes of October 7, 2020 and October 14, 2020. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the October 28, 2020 claims for payment. Motion carried.

Utility Permits: None.

Secondary Roads:

County Engineer Taylor Roll advised his office has seen an increase in manure permit applications. Also, concrete was being poured on S75, and S75 should reopen the week of 11/2/2020.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the contract with Taylor Construction, Inc., for Bridge Replacement Project BRS-SWAP-C042(106)--FF-42, Bridge 12015, County Highway S27 over Tipton Creek. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to authorize Engineer Roll to serve as auctioneer and to finalize the sale of County-owned equipment at County auction. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the Application for Use of Courthouse Grounds submitted by Maggie Vander Wilt for a Christmas Festival, with use date beginning November 21, 2020 and ending January 17, 2021. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve Tax Abate Order No. 5917, an abatement of 2015 taxes on Abbott lots 1-2 Block 9, vac alley W & vac street N, Etna Township, and to rebate \$110 to the person purchasing the taxes. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to set November 25, 2020 as the deadline for applications for County Boards and Commissions. Applications will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. at the Auditor's Office. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the pay increase of Jessica Sheridan, Environmental Health Specialist and Zoning Administrator, from \$45,000/year to \$52,000/year, effective 10/24/2020. Roll Call Vote: "Ayes" McClellan, Granzow, and Hoffman. "Nays" None. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the hiring of Kassidi Havens, part-time Dispatcher, at a rate of \$16.48/hour, effective 11/20/2020. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the resignation of Elizabeth Glade, part-time Dispatcher, effective 10/21/2020. Motion carried.

Emergency Management Update:

Emergency Management Coordinator Thomas Craighton reported on COVID-19 test data, outbreaks, anticipated FEMA/CARES reimbursement, and protections for voters at polling sites.

Craighton also reported on communities' progress on compiling and submitting derecho-related claims.

Lastly, Craighton informed the Board that the demolition of the house at 1309 11th Street, Eldora, will be delayed until March or April 2021.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to reschedule the November 11, 2020 regular meeting to November 10, 2020 at 9:00 a.m., due to the Veterans Day holiday. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

Darrell Meyer commented on distance requirements for placement of campaign signage pursuant to Iowa Code 68A.406(2)(a)(5).

Auditor Jessica Lara added to Meyer's comments, noting that private property is exempt from campaign signage distance requirements.

Lara raised concern about the Board's practice of approving sizable raises for employees who directly report to the Board.

Julie Duhn wondered whether the City of Eldora or the County has jurisdiction for enforcing laws on passive electioneering.

Pauline Lloyd had questions about FEMA reimbursement and the re-opening of S75.

Questions were received from Matt Rezab.

Other Business: None.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

Lance Granzow, Chair
Board of Supervisors

Jessica Lara
Hardin County Auditor