

HARDIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES – JUNE 16, 2021  
WEDNESDAY - 9:00 A.M.  
COURTHOUSE LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM

Chair BJ Hoffman called the meeting to order. Also present were Supervisors Reneé McClellan and Lance Granzow; and Michael Pearce, Jolene Pieters, Taylor Roll, Angela De La Riva, Mark Buschkamp, Lori Kadner, Thomas Craighton, Darrell Meyer, and Angela Silvey. Attending via Zoom: Pauline Lloyd, Carey Callaway, Wes Wiese, Dave McDaniel, Matt Rezab, Julie Duhn, Donna Juber, Elaine Loring, Lisa Lawler, Linn Adams, Cheryl Lawrence, and Shane Glinski.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to approve the minutes of June 2, 2021. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the June 16, 2021 claims for payment. Motion carried.

Utility Permits:

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve Utility Permit No. UT-21-010, submitted by Iowa Regional Utilities Association. Motion carried.

Secondary Roads:

County Engineer Taylor Roll reported on bridge and asphalt projects.

Emergency Management Update:

Emergency Management Coordinator Thomas Craighton advised all communities are set up on the new alert system and every Hardin County resident will receive a postcard about signing up. Further, Craighton issued clarification and caution on use of fireworks during a burn ban.

Economic Development Update:

County Economic Development Director Angela De La Riva reported on projects, status of a brownfields grant application, and ATV/UTV ordinance feedback.

IFADC Update:

IFADC Executive Director Mark Buschkamp reported on leads, projects, a class for budding entrepreneurs, childcare expansion, and planning for RAGBRAI.

Public Comments:

Julie Duhn requested that discussion on return of in-person public attendance at Board meetings be put on the agenda.

Questions and comments were received from Pauline Lloyd.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the application for fireworks permit submitted by Jensen Family 4th of July Celebration, for July 5, 2021, with rain date of July 6, 2021, at 13929 OO Avenue, Iowa Falls. Hoffman noted that if the county is under a burn ban on the date of the fireworks display, the permit is void. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to approve the Application for Use of Courthouse Grounds submitted by the Hardin County Historical Society for a 4th of July exhibit in the Courthouse rotunda, planned for June 28 to July 9, 2021. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to appoint Bryan Meints to fill the vacancy on the Conservation Board created by Patricia Hammer's resignation. Meints's term ends 12/31/2024. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the Recorder's Monthly Report for May 2021. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to approve the Sheriff's Monthly Report for May 2021. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the hiring of Tate Miller, Conservation Summer Intern, at a rate of \$10/hour, effective 06/09/2021. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the hiring of Scott Bright, part-time Correctional Officer, at a rate of \$18.35/hour, effective 06/13/2021. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the Change of Status of Michael Chapman, from full- to part-time Correctional Officer, at a rate of \$18.35/hour. The change is effective 07/03/2021. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to approve the Hardin County FY 2022 salaries as presented, with the addition of CICS employees, who will receive a 2% increase from FY 2021. Roll Call Vote: "Ayes" Granzow, McClellan, and Hoffman. "Nays" None. Motion carried.

Other Business: None.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

At 10:34 a.m. a meeting was held with Judy Funk, Heartland Risk, regarding 2021/2022 insurance renewal. Also present: Supervisors Hoffman and Granzow; and Nathan Berry, Jamie Geisler, Michael Pearce, and Angela Silvey. Attendees via Zoom: None. Supervisor McClellan was absent.

Judy Funk reviewed projected 2021/2022 premiums as compared to 2020/2021 premiums, along with property schedules. The Board decided to make the following changes to the County's insurance policy:

- Increase liability limit from \$7 million to \$10 million per occurrence
- Increase Courthouse building value from \$5.75 million to \$10 million
- Increase Courthouse contents value to \$500,000
- Increase Engineer's Office building value from \$469,942 to \$600,000
- Decrease Round Barn total value from \$110,016 to \$20,000
- Increase Law Enforcement Center building value from \$6 million to \$8 million
- Remove Friendship Club contents valued at \$25,000
- Add Courthouse statue, with value to be determined

Discussion ensued on educating department heads on insurance costs incurred by department. Funk then reviewed workers compensation renewal information as well as cyber liability coverage.

Funk will send paperwork with the above-mentioned changes, and approval of insurance renewal will be on next week's agenda.

Nathan Berry, Gallagher Risk Consultant, introduced himself and requested ideas on topics for staff trainings.

County Engineer Taylor Roll joined the meeting.

Hoffman recommended ALICE training and directed that Michael Pearce, Safety Coordinator, look into safety measures and/or trainings and bring his recommendations back to Board and Courthouse safety committee.

At 11:30 a.m. Granzow moved, Hoffman seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

At 11:33 a.m. Chair Hoffman reconvened the meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss matters presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent. Also present were Supervisor Granzow; and Taylor Roll, Joe Donald, Judy Funk, Darrell Meyer, and Angela Silvey. Attendees via Zoom: None. Supervisor McClellan was absent.

Granzow moved, Hoffman seconded to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(c). Roll Call Vote: “Ayes” Granzow and Hoffman. “Nays” None. The Board entered closed session at 11:33 a.m.

Following discussion, Granzow moved, Hoffman seconded to return to open session. Roll Call Vote: “Ayes” Granzow and Hoffman. “Nays” None. Motion carried. Closed session ended at 12:02 p.m.

Granzow moved, Hoffman seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

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BJ Hoffman, Chair  
Board of Supervisors

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Jolene Pieters  
Hardin County Auditor