

HARDIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES – JANUARY 13, 2021
WEDNESDAY - 9:00 A.M.
COURTHOUSE LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM

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 Reneé McClellan and Lance Granzow; and Pauline Lloyd, Mick Zoske, Dave McDaniel, Curt Groen, Justin Ites, Julie Duhn, John Zimmerman, Rocky Reents, Adam Seward, Machel Eichmeier, Lori Kadner, Abby Flatness, Mark Buschkamp, Jolene Teske, Laura Cunningham, Greg Barnett, Carey Callaway, Michael Pearce, Jolene Pieters, Taylor Roll, Darrell Meyer, Marc Anderson, and Angela Silvey.

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 January 4, 2021 and January 6, 2021. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the January 13, 2021 claims for payment. Motion carried.

Emergency Management Update: No report.

Public Health Update:

Rocky Reents, Public Health Coordinator, reported on COVID-19 case numbers and vaccine administration.

Utility Permits: None.

Secondary Roads:

County Engineer Taylor Roll issued a reminder that the bridge on S27 between Hubbard and Radcliffe was closed. In addition, Roll reported the road crew was out cutting brush.

Public Comments:

Curt Groen inquired if the County's absentee ballot reader had been returned for repair.

Julie Duhn requested assurance Hoffman would not participate in any actions at the state Capitol prior to the inauguration.

Mick Zoske inquired about legal action against animal rights activist group DxE.

Pauline Lloyd asked about COVID-19 vaccine availability for those 65 and older.

Marc Anderson presented to the Board a proposal to allow for blanket fireworks permits for persons engaged in fireworks displays. County Attorney Darrell Meyer will examine the County's fireworks permitting process and bring back a revised policy at a later date.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded that the following Resolution No. 2021-06, Resolution Between Grundy County and Hardin County on HMA Resurfacing 3 Miles of County Highway S75, be adopted. Roll Call Vote: "Ayes" Granzow, McClellan, and Hoffman. "Nays" None. Resolution No. 2021-06 is hereby adopted as follows:

GRUNDY RESOLUTION NO. _____
HARDIN RESOLUTION NO. 2021-06
BETWEEN GRUNDY COUNTY AND HARDIN COUNTY ON
HMA RESURFACING 3 MILES OF COUNTY HIGHWAY S75

WHEREAS, THIS AGREEMENT made and entered into this ____ day of _____, 2021, by and between Grundy County, Iowa, (hereinafter "Grundy"), and Hardin County, Iowa, (hereinafter "Hardin"), WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Parties hereto are separate governmental units within the State of Iowa as defined by Section 28E.2, Code of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, Section 28E.3, Code of Iowa, provides that any power or powers, privileges or authority exercised or capable of exercise by a public agency of the State of Iowa may be exercised and enjoyed jointly by a public agency of the State of Iowa having such power or powers, and

WHEREAS, both Parties are responsible for maintaining the public streets and highways within their respective jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the Parties hereto are in agreement authorizing Hardin to administer and submit for letting of contract documents for the asphalt resurfacing of County Highway S75 (hereinafter "Project") through Hardin's Farm to Market Account on behalf of both Parties.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY MUTUALLY AGREED by and between the parties hereto as follows:

1. Hardin will administer said project and will be the contracting authority per Iowa Dept. of Transportation, on behalf of Grundy and Hardin. Said project is anticipated for construction in 2022.
2. Project is located on County Highway S75 from 340th Street north to 310th Street.
3. Grundy's Farm-to-Market account shall reimburse Hardin's Farm-to-Market account for 50% of construction project costs, incurred by Hardin associated with said project within 5 years of final completion of said project, either as a lump sum or in annual installments. Final completion is defined as the date in which the final payment voucher is paid.
4. Hardin shall be responsible for performing all planning, survey, engineering, contracting administration, and inspection of the project without reimbursement.
5. Hardin has prepared an engineer's estimate of \$1,000,000 for construction costs for S75 work consisting of Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) Overlay.
6. Hardin and Grundy agree to save and indemnify and keep harmless, each other against all liabilities, judgements, costs, and expenses which may in any way come against either County or which in any way result from carelessness, neglect, omissions, or any acts of either party or its agents, employees, or workmen in any respect whatsoever.
7. Each party to this Agreement warrants that the execution of the Agreement, in two original copies, has been authorized by the Board of Supervisors of Grundy and Hardin.

- GRUNDY COUNTY -

- HARDIN COUNTY -

Heidi Nederhoff, Chairperson
Grundy County Board of Supervisors

/s/ BJ Hoffman
BJ Hoffman, Chairperson
Hardin County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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Grundy County Auditor

/s/ Jolene Pieters
Hardin County Auditor

Date

1/13/2021
Date

Hoffman reviewed Compensation Board recommendations for FY 2021/2022, and the following action was taken: McClellan moved, Granzow seconded that Resolution No. 2021-07, Compensation Increase Resolution, be adopted. Roll Call Vote: "Ayes" McClellan, Granzow, and Hoffman. "Nays" None. Resolution No. 2021-07 is hereby adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION 2021-07

WHEREAS, the Hardin County Compensation Board meets annually to recommend a compensation schedule for elected officials for the fiscal year immediately following, in accordance with Iowa Code Chapters 331.905 and 331.907, and

WHEREAS, the Hardin County Compensation Board met on December 15, 2020, and made the following salary recommendations for the following elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021:

<u>Elected Official</u>	<u>Current Salary</u>	<u>Proposed Increase</u>	<u>Recommended Salary</u>
Auditor	\$65450	2%	\$66759
County Attorney	\$100581	2%	\$102593
Recorder	\$63069	2%	\$64330
Sheriff	\$91504	3%	\$94249
Supervisors	\$37596	2.5%	\$38536
Treasurer	\$65059	2%	\$66360

OPTION 1:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hardin County Board of Supervisors adopts the salary recommendations for elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 as recommended by the Hardin County Compensation Board.

OR

OPTION 2: (if different than compensation board recommendation)

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hardin County Board of Supervisors approves the following salary adjustments for the following elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021:

<u>Elected Official</u>	<u>Approved Salary</u>	<u>Approved Increase</u>
Auditor	\$ _____	____%
County Attorney	\$ _____	____%
Recorder	\$ _____	____%
Sheriff	\$ _____	____%
Supervisors	\$ _____	____%
Treasurer	\$ _____	____%

Approved this 13th day of January, 2021.

ATTEST:

/s/ BJ Hoffman
 BJ Hoffman, Chairperson
 Hardin County Board of Supervisors

/s/ Jolene Pieters
 Jolene Pieters
 Auditor

AYE:

NAY:

/s/ BJ Hoffman
 BJ Hoffman, Supervisor

 Name, Supervisor

/s/ Reneé McClellan
 Reneé McClellan, Supervisor

 Name, Supervisor

/s/ Lance Granzow
 Lance Granzow, Supervisor

 Name, Supervisor

Prompted by the Chair, once again McClellan moved, Granzow seconded that the above Resolution No. 2021-07, Compensation Increase Resolution, be adopted. Roll Call Vote: “Ayes” McClellan, Granzow, and Hoffman. “Nays” None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Board/Commission Appointment Policy, after which McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to repeal the Hardin County Board/Commission Appointment Policy. Roll Call Vote: “Ayes” McClellan, Granzow, and Hoffman. “Nays” None. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the Wellness Committee’s recommendation to continue the wellness program with ISAC for 2021. Roll Call Vote: “Ayes” McClellan and Hoffman. “Nays” Granzow. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to approve the Auditor’s Monthly Report for December 2020. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the Recorder’s Monthly Report for December 2020. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the Hardin County School Choice Week Proclamation. Motion carried.

Other Business: None.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

At 11:00 a.m., the Board met for work session regarding Hansen Family Hospital bond refinancing. The meeting was held electronically due to COVID-19 public health risks. Present: Supervisors Hoffman, McClellan, and Granzow; and Kristin Cooper, Ahlers & Cooney, PC; Scott Crist, UMB Bank; Doug Morse and George Von Mock, Hansen Family Hospital; Tim Oswald, Piper Sandler Companies; Angela De La Riva; Michael Pearce; Jolene Pieters; and Angela Silvey.

Discussion was held on whether or not the County’s bonding capacity was needed for the bond refinancing. Angela De La Riva, County Economic Development Director, noted a lot of County’s bonding capacity is wrapped up with the hospital bond, and removing the County’s bond potential would allow the County more flexibility to offer incentives for business recruitment. Kristin Cooper advised that the County could issue the refunding bonds on an annual appropriation basis; however, those bonds would come at a higher interest rate and eat into savings.

Granzow stated he assumed HFH had built up enough equity to refinance the bonds on its own. Scott Crist replied that the hospital, due to size, is on a non-rated basis, and the interest on a non-rated hospital revenue bond is significantly higher than on an A1-rated general obligation bond. Further, Crist added, one reason the initial financing structure was put into place with the City and County was to keep the borrowing cost at a level at which the hospital could operate effectively.

It was acknowledged that an estimated \$1 million of savings could result from refinancing: \$250,000 from hospital revenue bond refunding and \$750,000 from County GO bond refunding.

Tim Oswald and Cooper laid out the procedure moving forward, the first step of which is the Board signing an engagement letter.

Doug Morse reminded the Board that the bond capacity being used supports 300 employees, payroll of \$11 million, and \$300,000 in sales tax rotating from all corners of the county.

At 11:32 a.m. Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

At 1:06 p.m. the meeting was reconvened for a FY 2021/2022 budget work session. The meeting was held electronically due to COVID-19 public health risks. Present: Supervisors Hoffman, McClellan, and Granzow; and Jolene Pieters, Thomas Craighton, and Angela Silvey.

Thomas Craighton, Emergency Management Coordinator, addressed the Board about lack of snow/ice guards on the EOC building’s roof and a change of plans regarding demolition of the house south of the EOC building.

The Board reviewed the Supervisors’ budget numbers and amounts requested from entities.

McClellan noted the FY 2020/2021 budget will need to be amended before the County can make its HVAC loan payment. Discussion ensued on paying off the loan entirely in FY 2021/2022.

At 1:46 p.m. Taylor Roll joined the meeting and LOST funds for Roads were discussed. Roll exited the meeting at 1:51 p.m.

Also discussed were solid waste/recycling costs incurred by Rural Services and holding a meeting among parties to reevaluate amount charged.

At 2:27 p.m. Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

/s/ BJ Hoffman
BJ Hoffman, Chair
Board of Supervisors

/s/ Jolene Pieters
Jolene Pieters
Hardin County Auditor

Chat Log from 1/13/2021

09:01:33 From Dave McDaniel to Everyone : He's tied up on a call
09:08:58 From Dave McDaniel to Everyone : I can comment if you'd like
09:12:52 From Julie Duhn to Everyone : hard to hear him
09:26:01 From Julie Duhn to Everyone : State employees are set to get NO raise.
09:38:47 From Jolene Teske (she, her, hers) to Everyone : I am here to oppose this proclamation. The essence of School Choice Week is to undermine the public education system, which is vital to our democracy.
09:38:55 From Julie Duhn to Everyone : We want money to go to PUBLIC schools. Support PUBLIC schools.
09:39:21 From Jolene Teske (she, her, hers) to Everyone : Iowa has choice with open enrollment,
09:39:39 From Julie Duhn to Everyone : Cannot hear Lance.
