

HARDIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES – FEBRUARY 26, 2020
WEDNESDAY - 9:00 A.M.
COURTHOUSE LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM

Chair Lance Granzow called the meeting to order. Also present were Supervisors BJ Hoffman and Reneé McClellan; and Taylor Roll, Isaac Knutson, Darrell Meyer, Nick Schutt, Dave McDaniel, Dave Dunn, Thomas Craighton, Donna Juber, Bob Juber, Lori Kadner, Machel Eichmeier, Julie Duhn, Angela De La Riva, Jessica Sheridan, Jessica Lara, Matt Jones, Don Knoell, Justin Ites, 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 minutes of February 19, 2020 and February 24, 2020. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the February 26, 2020 claims for payment. Motion carried.

Utility Permits: None.

Secondary Roads Department: No report.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded that the following Resolution No. 2020-08, a resolution approving the contract for bridge rehabilitation project FM-C042(98)—55-42, be adopted. Roll Call Vote: “Ayes” Hoffman, McClellan, and Granzow. “Nays” None. Resolution No. 2020-08 is hereby adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION 2020-08

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, hereafter referred to as “the Board”, believes that FM-C042(98)—55-42, hereafter referred to as “the project” is in the best interest of Hardin County, Iowa, and the residents thereof. The project is defined as a Bridge Deck Replacement, located on County Highway S62, over the South Fork of the Iowa River, Section 5, T-86N, R-19W; and

WHEREAS, the Board has sought appropriate professional guidance for the concept and planning for the project and followed the steps as required by the Code of Iowa for notifications, hearings, and bidding/letting; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds this resolution appropriate and necessary to protect, preserve, and improve the rights, privileges, property, peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of Hardin County and its citizens, all as provided for in and permitted by Section 331.301 of the Code of Iowa; and

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board to accept the bid from Peterson Contractors, Inc. of Reinbeck, Iowa in the amount of \$1,072,891.95 and awards the associated contract(s) to the same;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all other resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed. If any part of this resolution is adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the resolution or action of the Board as a whole or any part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its approval as provided by law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Hardin County, Iowa, that after receiving the necessary contract documents, including but not limited to, the contractor’s bond and certificate of insurance, Taylor Roll, the Engineer for Hardin County, Iowa, be and is hereby designated authorized, and empowered on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of said County to execute the contracts in connection with the afore awarded construction project let through the DOT for this county.

Passed and Approved this 26th day of February, 2020 at the Large Conference Room, Hardin County Courthouse, Eldora, Iowa.

Board of Supervisors of Hardin County, Iowa

/s/ Lance Granzow

Lance Granzow, Chair

/s/ Reneé McClellan

Renee McClellan

/s/ BJ Hoffman

BJ Hoffman

ATTEST:

/s/ Jessica Lara

Jessica Lara, County Auditor

County Engineer Taylor Roll reviewed drafts of a revised Hardin County Policy for Road Crossing for Manure Application Using Hoses or Pipeline and its accompanying permit application. Hoffman requested the policy contain restrictions on locations of fittings and a permit application submittal deadline. Roll will make revisions and present the policy for approval at a later date.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to approve the County Economic Development Advisory Council's request to provide funding to the North Central Iowa Small Business Development Center in the amount of \$2,500. Funding will come from Economic Development LOST funds. Motion carried.

County Economic Development Director Angela De La Riva advised the County Commercial Tax Abatement Policy is nearing completion and should be ready to present to the Board on March 18, 2020.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded that the following Resolution No. 2020-09, Appropriations Resolution Amendment, be adopted. Roll Call Vote: "Ayes" Hoffman, McClellan, and Granzow. "Nays" None. Resolution No. 2020-09 is hereby adopted as follows:

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

APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION AMENDMENT

RESOLUTION No. 2020 – 09

Due to moving money in the same service area on February 21, 2020 the following appropriation amendments shall be made.

Office or Department	Amended Appropriation Amount
Health Board	- \$2000
General Assistance	+\$2000

Motion was seconded by Board Member McClellan and after due consideration thereof, the roll was called and the following Board Members voted:

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

Whereupon, the Chair of the Board of Supervisors declared said Resolution duly passed and adopted this 26th day of February, 2020.

/s/ Lance Granzow

Lance Granzow, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

/s/ Jessica Lara
Jessica Lara
Hardin County Auditor

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to table an appointment to the Iowa River Trail – Hardin Board. Motion carried.

An application for early retirement benefits and a Change of Status for Secondary Roads employee Jeffrey State were tabled, as the documents were submitted prematurely. Roll will amend the Secondary Roads Voluntary Early Retirement Incentive, changing the application acceptance start date from May 1, 2020 to March 1, 2020, and State will need to resubmit his application.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to approve the promotion of Rochelle Caslavka, full-time Correctional Officer, at a rate of \$16.76/hour, effective 02/28/2020. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to approve the resignation of James Witt, part-time Correctional Officer, effective 02/25/2020. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to approve the promotion of Jesse Wolf, full-time Jail Sergeant, at a rate of \$21.74/hour, effective 02/29/2020. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to approve the resignation of Brendan Chaney, part-time Correctional Officer, effective 02/28/2020. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to approve the Change of Status for Matthew Evans, from full-time to part-time Correctional Officer, at a rate of \$15.00/hour, effective 02/28/2020. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to approve the promotion of Brooke Thieme, full-time Correctional Officer, at a rate of \$16.76/hour, effective 02/28/2020. Motion carried.

Other Business:

Granzow stated that any questions about the state audit will be met with “no comment.”

Public Comments:

Isaac Knutson proposed that the Supervisors use their authority under Iowa Code Section 427B.26(b) to review and repeal windmill-related property tax credits.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

At 10:00 a.m. the meeting was reconvened to discuss roadside herbicide application with DBI Services representatives. Present: Supervisors Granzow and McClellan; and Taylor Roll, Greg Ringena, Luke Davison, Lou Lorensen, Mike Larson, and Angela Silvey. Supervisor Hoffman was absent.

Discussion was held on roadside spraying program options and cost-effectiveness of each option. Roll noted hiring DBI Services was similar in costs to hiring a second IRVM employee, but was concerned spraying twice a year for two years would exceed the budget. Lou Lorensen, DBI Services, advised that targeting biannual weeds once a year will not produce desired results.

Granzow suggested that, in order to gain control of the weed issue, twice-a-year spraying costs be shared between IRVM and Secondary Roads. Roll conceded chemical could be purchased with IRVM funds, while labor could be paid by Secondary Roads.

It was decided that the IRVM program will consist of blanket-spraying half the county and spot-spraying the other half, then reversing course the following year. DBI Services will provide

labor; the County will supply chemical. Roll will confer with Lorensen to draw up a four-year contract and determine type and quantity of chemical. The contract will be presented for Board approval at a future meeting.

At 10:48 a.m. McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

At 1:00 p.m. the meeting was reconvened to review updated health insurance plan costs from Group Services. Present: Supervisors Granzow, Hoffman, and McClellan; and Darrell Meyer, Becca Junker, and Angela Silvey. Tom Schuetz, Group Services, joined the meeting via phone.

Tom Schuetz presented analyses of the County's current plan costs from FY 2016 to present as compared to Iowa Governmental Health Care Plan's projected total costs.

Schuetz noted that due to a period of conservative budgeting and rate setting, and less than expected net claims expense, the current plan has a reserve balance of approximately \$1.7 million. The County can look at reducing rates and raising its stop loss deductible to \$65,000 if it wishes. Schuetz also advised Group Services could offer certain plan design changes to mirror IGHCP.

Granzow inquired about Group Services' ability to administer the plan. Schuetz stated solutions were available and he will provide further information to the Board.

Schuetz exited the meeting at 1:38 p.m. to allow for Board discussion.

Hoffman advocated for switching from Group Services to IGHCP. McClellan suggested remaining with Group Services for another year and looking into ISAC's plan in order to have three plans from which to choose. Granzow expressed no preference for either plan, but did like Schuetz's suggestion of implementing of a minimal rate increase for FY 2020-2021 and seeing its effect on reserves.

A decision on employee health insurance will be made at the Board's March 11, 2020 meeting.

At 2:05 p.m. McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

/s/ Lance Granzow
Lance Granzow, Chair
Board of Supervisors

/s/ Jessica Lara
Jessica Lara
Hardin County Auditor