

HARDIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES – MARCH 11, 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 JD Holmes, Michael Pearce, Dave Hayes, Linda Hayes, Jean Groen, Curt Groen, Donna Juber, Bob Juber, Taylor Roll, Joe Donald, Machel Eichmeier, Darrell Meyer, Lori Kadner, Jessica Lara, 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 March 4, 2020. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the March 11, 2020 claims for payment. Motion carried.

Utility Permits:

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to approve Hardin County Utility Permit Applications 20-007, 20-008, and 20-009 as presented. Motion carried. All permits are on file in the Engineer's Office.

Secondary Roads Department:

The Roads crew is readying to haul rock.

At 9:02 a.m. the Chair opened the public hearing on proposed road vacations in Lawn Hill. Taylor Roll, County Engineer, reviewed the proposed road vacations. Written comments were received from Rick Vaughan, Innovative Ag Services. Comments were received from Dave Hayes. Due to concerns raised about the deeding of "Superior Street," the County Attorney and Engineer will conduct research before preparing deeds of transfer. There being no other written comments or objections, Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded that the following Resolution No. 2020-11, Resolution to Vacate a County Road, be adopted. Roll Call Vote: "Ayes" Hoffman, McClellan, and Granzow. "Nays" None. Resolution No. 2020-11 is hereby adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION TO VACATE A COUNTY ROAD
Hardin County
Resolution No. 2020-11

WHEREAS, A public hearing was conducted on March 11th, 2020 following publication and service of notice as required by law on the proposed vacation and closure of a portion of street in Lawn Hill, Iowa, described as follows:

A street in Lawn Hill, known as "Erie Street," from center of alley (North-South) of block 5, due East to Julian Street, lying in the unincorporated Town of Lawn Hill, Iowa, as shown on the plat and notes filed for record in 1880 (See County Recorder's Book 58, page 504), located in the Southwest Quarter of Section 34 Township 89N Range 20W of the 5th P.M.

A street in Lawn Hill, known as "Superior Street," more specifically described as the West 300ft for Superior Street, lying in the unincorporated Town of Lawn Hill, Iowa as shown on the plat and notes filed for record in 1880 (See County Recorder's Book 58, page 504), located in the Southwest Quarter of Section 34 Township 89N Range 20W of the 5th P.M.

WHEREAS, No objections have been received, either in writing or by persons present.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Hardin County Board of Supervisors that the subject section be ordered vacated and closed.

Passed and adopted this 11th day of March, 2020.

/s/ Lance Granzow
Lance Granzow Chairperson
County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: /s/ Jessica Lara
Jessica Lara
Hardin County Auditor

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Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to approve two Quit Claim Deeds transferring a previously vacated portion of U Avenue right-of-way located in Section 7 and 8, Union Township, to Kim and Nancy Faris, Karen Reece, Leeatra Lepley Vaughn, and Harold Guiles. Roll Call Vote: “Ayes” Hoffman, McClellan, and Granzow. “Nays” None. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to approve a Quit Claim Deed transferring a previously vacated portion of right-of-way located at the intersection of Co. Hwy. S62 and UU Avenue, Section 9, Union Township, to Brent and Teresa Perry. Roll Call Vote: “Ayes” McClellan, Hoffman, and Granzow. “Nays” None. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded that the following Resolution No. 2020-12, Resolution for Road Vacation Public Hearing, be adopted. Roll Call Vote: “Ayes” Hoffman, McClellan, and Granzow. “Nays” None. Resolution No. 2020-12 is hereby adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION FOR ROAD VACATION PUBLIC HEARING
Hardin County
Resolution No. 2020-12

WHEREAS, The Hardin County Engineer is asking that action be taken to vacate a section of Hardin County Secondary Road, described as follows:

Gardner Street, laying between Walnut Street and Tena Street, located in King’s 2nd Addition in the unincorporated town of Cleves, Iowa.

A 16-foot-wide alley lying northerly of the adjacent to lots 1 through 6, Block 1, located in King’s 2nd Addition, in the unincorporated town of Cleves, Iowa.

A 16-foot-wide alley lying southerly of the adjacent to lots 1 through 6, Block 2 between Walnut Street and Tena Street, located in King’s 2nd Addition, in the unincorporated town of Cleves, Iowa.

Tena Street, located in King’s 2nd Addition, in the unincorporated town of Cleves, Iowa.

Tena Street, except the South 132 foot, located in Bunjer’s Addition, in the unincorporated town of Cleves, Iowa.

Walnut Street, located in King’s Addition, in the unincorporated town of Cleves, Iowa.

A Sixteen-foot-wide alley running North and South through Blocks 1 and 2, located in King’s Addition, in the unincorporated town of Cleves, Iowa.

A Sixteen-foot-wide alley lying northerly of adjacent to lots 1 and 12, Block 2, located in King’s Addition, in the unincorporated town of Cleves, Iowa.

A Sixteen-foot-wide alley lying southerly of the adjacent to lots 6 & 7, Block 2, located in Kings Addition, in the unincorporated town of Cleves, Iowa.

A Sixteen-foot-wide alley lying southerly of the adjacent to lots 14, Block 1, located in Kings Addition, in the unincorporated town of Cleves, Iowa.

A Sixteen-foot-wide alley lying northerly of the adjacent to lots 1 through 8, Block 2, located in Bunjer's Addition, in the unincorporated town of Cleves, Iowa.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a hearing on the proposed vacation will be held in the Large Conference Room, Hardin County Courthouse, Eldora, Iowa, 50627 at 9:02 am on April 15, 2020 in accordance with Iowa Code Chapter 306.

/s/ Lance Granzow
Lance Granzow, Chairperson
County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: /s/ Jessica Lara
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McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the herbicide agreement with DBi Services for spring/fall 2020 and spring/fall 2021. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to approve an updated Road Crossing for Manure Application Using Hoses Pipeline Policy and permit application as presented by Roll. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved to set April 15, 2020 at 9:03 a.m. for the FY 2019/2020 budget amendment hearing. The motion died for lack of a second. Hoffman then moved, McClellan seconded to set April 22, 2020 at 9:02 a.m. in the Courthouse Large Conference Room for the FY 2019/2020 budget amendment hearing. Roll Call Vote: "Ayes" Hoffman, McClellan, and Granzow. "Nays" None. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to direct payment of the state audit bill from risk pool reserves pursuant to Iowa Code Sections 331.301(11) and (12) and 331.424(1)(a)(5) and 331.441(2)(b)(8). After County Auditor Jessica Lara requested clarification on name of fund, McClellan then moved, Hoffman seconded to amend the motion to state Public Employees' Health Trust, rather than risk pool reserves. Motion carried on both items.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to approve the Auditor's Monthly Report for February 2020. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the Recorder's Monthly Report for February 2020. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the County Conservation Annual Report, 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2019, as presented. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to approve the retirement, per the terms of the Voluntary Early Retirement Incentive, of Jeffrey State, Motor Grader Operator, effective 05/01/2020. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to approve the request for early retirement benefits for Jeffrey State. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the hiring of David Corcoran, Property Management Assistant, at a salary of \$34,000/year, effective 03/16/2020. Corcoran will be subject to a six-month probation period, after which he is eligible for a \$1,000 raise. Motion carried.

Public Comments: None.

Other Business: None.

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

At 10:21 a.m. the meeting was reconvened to review Iowa Governmental Health Care Plan coverage and costs. Present: Supervisors Granzow, Hoffman, and McClellan; and Lori Kadner; Taylor Roll; Linn Adams; Denise Ballard and Cindy Allen, IGHCP; Tom Schuetz, Group Services; Becca Junker; Machel Eichmeier; and Angela Silvey.

Denise Ballard presented reasons for Hardin County to join IGHCP, including lower administration fees than a standard Wellmark plan, removing volatility and risk of self-funding, making renewals more predictable, and telemedicine at no cost to employee or County.

Ballard assured the Board that Hardin County would not be restricted on number of plans offered or to one plan design, but she thought that streamlining to one \$750-deductible Blue Choice plan made the most sense, as all insureds will be allowed to see doctors outside Iowa.

Discussion was held on the Public Employees' Health Trust reserves and where that money would go should the County change plans. According to Ballard, Hardin County's reserves would never be commingled with other IGHCP entities'. Also, after the first year, IGHCP could re-evaluate costs and lower claims funding if Hardin County's plan performs well and has reserve.

The Supervisors reviewed a side-by-side comparison of benefits and coverage for Wellmark Blue Choice vs. Blue Advantage vs. Alliance Select.

Tom Schuetz commented that Group Services can offer Hardin County flexibility on plan design and coverage, and that depending on which stop loss deductible the Board chooses, Group Services is proposing anywhere from a 2% to a 12-16% decrease in rates.

It was mentioned that of County employees, 13 have been either grandfathered into or elected Alliant Select PPOs, while 118 are on the Blue Advantage HMO; therefore, transitioning to IGHCP would provide 118 employees with better and more health care options.

Hoffman moved to engage IGHCP effective coverage July 1, 2020, with enrollment to start as soon as possible, coordinated with Becca Junker, benefits administrator. Motion died for lack of a second.

Granzow directed that action on the Employee Health Care Plan be revisited at the March 25, 2020 Board meeting.

At 11:41 a.m. Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

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

/s/ Jessica Lara
Jessica Lara
Hardin County Auditor