

HARDIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES – JULY 29, 2020
WEDNESDAY - 9:00 A.M.
COURTHOUSE LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM

Chair Lance Granzow called the meeting to order. The meeting was held electronically due to COVID-19 public health risks. Also in attendance were Supervisors BJ Hoffman and Reneé McClellan; and Curt Groen, Pauline Lloyd, Connie Mesch, Linda Kuhl, Ryan Ashton, JD Holmes, Justin Ites, McDaniel, Machel Eichmeier, Dave Dunn, Cheryl Lawrence, Rocky Reents, Donna Juber, Bob Juber, Julie Duhn, Megan Harrell, Abby Flatness, Michael Pearce, Taylor Roll, Jessica Sheridan, Darrell Meyer, 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 July 22, 2020 and July 23, 2020. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the July 29, 2020 claims for payment. Motion carried.

Utility Permits: None.

Secondary Roads: No report.

Linda Kuhl, on behalf of Mid-Iowa Cooperative, reviewed her written request to lower the speed limit on S75 north of the Marshall County line, in lieu of the existing embargo, and the following actions were taken:

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded that the following Resolution No. 2020-32, Establishing Speed Limit on County Highway S75 Between County Highway D65 and 340th Street, be adopted. Roll Call Vote: “Ayes” McClellan, Hoffman, and Granzow. “Nays” None. Resolution No. 2020-32 is hereby adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION 2020-32

**ESTABLISHING SPEED LIMIT ON COUNTY HIGHWAY S75 BETWEEN
COUNTY HIGHWAY D65 AND 340TH STREET LOCATED IN HARDIN COUNTY,
IOWA**

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors is empowered under authority of Sections 321.255 and 321.285 subsection 5b of the Code of Iowa, to determine upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation that the speed limit of any secondary road is greater than is reasonable and proper under the conditions existing, and may determine and declare a reasonable and proper speed limit, and

WHEREAS, such investigation has been completed by the Hardin County Engineer’s Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Hardin County Board of Supervisors that speed limit be established and appropriate signs erected at the locations described as follows:

**On County Highway S75, between County Highway D65
and 340th Street located in Hardin County, Iowa;**

North & South Bound Traffic

1. 35 MPH from the intersection of County Highway D65 and County Highway S75, thence South 3.5 miles to the intersection of 340th Street and County Highway S75.

This Resolution shall be in effect when the signs have been erected and shall be in effect for an indefinite amount of time, pending the rehabilitation of the roadway.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 29th day of July, 2020.

HARDIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

/s/ Lance Granzow
Lance Granzow, Chair

ATTEST:

/s/ Jessica Lara
Jessica Lara, Hardin County Auditor

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to rescind Resolution No. 2020-18, Hardin County Highway S75 Embargo Resolution, dated June 3, 2020. Roll Call Vote: “Ayes” McClellan, Hoffman, and Granzow. “Nays” None. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the Request for Qualifications for the brownfield assessment grant application. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to approve the resignation of Mindy McLeland, Deputy Auditor, effective 07/29/2020. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to approve the resignation of Matthew Vogeler, Sheriff’s Office Communications, effective 07/23/2020. Motion carried.

COVID-19 Update:

Rocky Reents updated the Board on case numbers, an outbreak at the State Training School, and work being done with long term care facilities.

Public Comments:

Donna Juber asked about the County’s position on the reopening of schools, bars, and restaurants and whether or not the County would consider writing a letter to the Governor regarding masks.

Pauline Lloyd commented on the lack of persons wearing masks.

Comments were also received from Julie Duhn.

Treasurer Machel Eichmeier announced that, with the Governor’s proclamation, property taxes due in March can be still paid until July 31, 2020 without penalty. Eichmeier also encouraged people with questions about motor vehicle transactions and driver’s licenses to call her office.

Other Business: None.

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

At 10:32 a.m. the meeting was reconvened for a department heads/elected officials meeting. The meeting was held electronically due to COVID-19 public health risks. In attendance: Supervisors Granzow and McClellan; and Bernie Koehrsen, Cheryl Lawrence, Dave McDaniel, Linn Adams, Machel Eichmeier, Wes Wiese, Don Knoell, Darrell Meyer, Jody Mesch, Jessica Sheridan, Matt Jones, Angela De La Riva, and Angela Silvey.

Discussion resumed on the reopening of County buildings and whether or not the County should require face masks of all entrants. Consensus was the decision should remain a personal one. Granzow stated if any department heads wanted to mandate masks in their office, they are welcome to do so.

Linn Adams provided a report on Wellness Committee-sponsored activities for July and August.

Other Business:

Bernie Koehrsen advised he had three candidates for the open Veterans' Affairs Commission position, and the goal is for the Supervisors to make an appointment before August 10, 2020.

Discussion was held on holding an auction of County-owned items.

Wes Wiese asked if the County had transferred Ruempers Trail to the City of Radcliffe, as the deed is in the County's name. Granzow will consult with County Attorney Meyer.

At 10:50 a.m., McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

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

/s/ Jessica Lara
Jessica Lara
Hardin County Auditor