

HARDIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES – OCTOBER 7, 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 JD Holmes, Pauline Lloyd, Dave McDaniel, Justin Ites, Laura Cunningham, Curt Groen, Machel Eichmeier, Abby Flatness, Becca Junker, Angela De La Riva, Donna Juber, Bob Juber, Julie Duhn, Mark Buschkamp, Connie Mesch, Michael Pearce, Thomas Craighton, Matt Jones, Jessica Lara, Jessica Sheridan, Taylor Roll, Darrell Meyer, and Angela Silvey.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the October 7, 2020 claims for payment. Motion carried.

Utility Permits: None.

Secondary Roads:

County Engineer Taylor Roll advised the ethanol plant in Cleves will replace a railroad crossing it owns on D15, resulting in a temporary road closure. Patching was done on D55 between Hubbard and New Providence and will start on S75. The road crew will soon revert to its five 8-hour-day work schedule.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to approve the auction of County-owned equipment under the following terms and conditions: submit sealed written bids to the Engineer's Office or the Maintenance Shop; bids are due at 1 p.m. on October 28, 2020, to be opened at the Maintenance Shop immediately at the deadline; the top three bidders of each item have the option of raising their bid; and payment is due on day of auction, payable to Hardin County. Granzow requested the terms also include the right to refuse any bid. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the Iowa River Trail Supplemental Agreement for Additional Services to include an archeological study. The \$6,999 cost will be paid by the Trails Commission. Motion carried.

After Hoffman, the Supervisors' Central Iowa Community Services Board representative, explained that Cerro Gordo, Webster and Wright counties had petitioned to join the CICS mental health region, and Hoffman was requesting a collective decision by the Supervisors to inform his vote, the following actions were taken:

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to approve the addition of Cerro Gordo County to the CICS region, pending approval by the full CICS board. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to approve the addition of Webster County to the CICS region, pending approval by the full CICS board. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to approve the addition of Wright County to CICS, pending approval by the full CICS board. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded that whenever the Board of Supervisors conducts a public meeting via Zoom, the County shall utilize only the "Everybody" chat feature and the default administrator chat feature named "Hardin County". The chats from both features shall be downloaded and posted to the Supervisor website as part of the packet with the corresponding meeting minutes. As part of this motion, the Board of Supervisors reserves the right to strike from the chat record, and therefore not post on its website, any inappropriate content. Inappropriate chat content would include, for example, defamatory comments, curse words, commercial advertising, or electioneering. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to approve Alternate 2-L5 as the 2021 Avesis vision benefit plan. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to acknowledge the Teamsters Local 238 Determination received from Attorney Ann Smisek of Ahlers & Cooney. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the hiring of Jamie Geisler, full-time Auditor's Accounting/Accounts Payable Clerk, at a rate of \$17.43/hour, effective 10/15/2020. Geisler will be subject to a performance review in six months, with a possible salary increase. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the promotion of Becca Junker to Deputy Auditor, at a rate of \$21.82/hour, effective 10/05/2020. Junker will serve as First Deputy. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to approve the hiring of Brett Lawrence, part-time Conservation Park Tech, at a rate of \$14/hour, effective 10/05/2020. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the retirement of Jerry Hammond, Secondary Roads Truck Driver, effective 12/31/2020. Motion carried.

#### Emergency Management Update:

Emergency Management Coordinator Thomas Craighton urged persons awaiting COVID-19 tests results to isolate and everyone to follow basic protocols.

Craighton also advised he received notification FEMA had denied Hardin County's appeal for Individual Assistance.

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to approve a request for the County to contribute \$6,000 toward an acoustic tile project at the Emergency Operations Center building. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on razing the County-owned house at 1309 11th Street to allow for additional parking space south of the EOC building. Action will be taken at a future meeting.

#### Public Comments:

Donna Juber spoke about state and national COVID-19 trends and resistance to masks.

Julie Duhn raised concern about the Courthouse security guard asking for her cell phone number prior to being admitted to vote. She requested the County provide written instruction prohibiting that practice as it applies to voters.

Questions and comments were received from Pauline Lloyd.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to recess until 10:20 a.m. Motion carried.

Chair Granzow reconvened the meeting at 10:21 a.m. The meeting was held electronically due to COVID-19 public health risks. Also present were Supervisors Hoffman and McClellan; and Darrell Meyer, Michael Pearce, and Angela Silvey. Kristine Stone, Ahlers & Cooney, P.C., joined via telephone.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(1)(c) to discuss litigation involving RWE Renewables. Roll Call Vote: "Ayes" Hoffman, McClellan, and Granzow. "Nays" None. Motion carried.

Following discussion, Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to exit closed session. Roll Call Vote: "Ayes" Hoffman, McClellan, and Granzow. "Nays" None. Motion carried.

Kristine Stone and Darrell Meyer left the meeting.

#### Other Business:

The Supervisors resumed Boards and Commissions reports, with Hoffman reporting on Greenbelt Home Care, EMS Council, Firemen's Association, CICS, Senior Issues and Northeast Iowa Response Group. McClellan and Granzow had no new developments to report.

Discussion was held on adopting an ordinance similar to Grundy County's that would allow use of ATVs and UTVs on county roads. An ordinance work session will take place after November 3, 2020.

Also discussed were concerns regarding use of umbilical hoses by manure applicators and non-compliance with policy. The matter will be revisited at the October 14, 2020 Board meeting.

At 10:55 a.m. Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

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

/s/ Jessica Lara  
Jessica Lara  
Hardin County Auditor

Chat Log from 10/7/2020

09:12:02 From Donna-Bob Juber : What would be considered defamatory comments?  
09:12:42 From Donna-Bob Juber : RE chat. What would be considered defamatory comments?  
09:47:39 From Donna-Bob Juber : Donna  
09:47:45 From Donna-Bob Juber : This is Donna  
09:47:56 From Duhn : I can't unmute. I have a commnt  
09:56:08 From Donna-Bob Juber : The video is not working.  
09:57:16 From Hardin County : I needed to stop the video for the zoom to work better.  
10:07:34 From Duhn : People should not be told they may not be able to enter the building. Phone number is not required to vote.  
10:07:55 From dmcdaniel@hardincountyia.gov : Pretty sure that's been explained