

HARDIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES – OCTOBER 14, 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, Becca Junker, JD Holmes, Tifani Eisentrager, Matt Rezab, Pauline Lloyd, Thomas Craighton, Rocky Reents, Machel Eichmeier, Julie Duhn, Cheryl Lawrence, Donna Juber, Bob Juber, Laura Cunningham, Connie Mesch, Mark Buschkamp, Carey Callaway, Matt Jones, Michael Pearce, Taylor Roll, Angela De La Riva, Lori Kadner, Darrell Meyer, Jessica Lara, and Angela Silvey.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the October 14, 2020 claims for payment. Motion carried.

Utility Permits:

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to approve Hardin County Utility Permit Application No. UT-20-034, submitted by Iowa Regional Utilities Association. Motion carried.

Secondary Roads:

County Engineer Taylor Roll reported an Ackley railroad crossing reopened and patching on S75 had begun.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to approve the final plans for HMA Resurfacing Project STBG-SWAP-CO42(107)—FG-42 on County Highway D55. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to set December 9, 2020 at 10:02 a.m. for the FY 2020/2021 budget amendment hearing. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to approve Tax Abate Order No. 5915 for Paul and Andrea Brown. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to approve Tax Abate Order No. 5916 for Paul and Andrea Brown. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to approve an estimate from Gehrke Inc. not to exceed \$2,500.00 to investigate drainage at the County Home Farm. Motion carried.

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

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

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the Sheriff's Monthly Report for the month of September 2020. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to approve the switch to WEX, administered by EBS, as part of the IGHCP program for employee flex benefits for 2021. Concerns were raised on lack of familiarity with WEX and cost savings. Motion failed.

McClellan then moved, Hoffman seconded to remain with WageWorks for employee flex benefits for 2021. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to approve the hiring of Lisa Nelson, temporary part-time elections employee in the Auditor's Office, at a rate of \$10.00/hour, effective 10/06/2020. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the resignations of Scott and Carol Humphrey, temporary part-time elections employees in the Auditor's Office, effective 10/06/2020. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to amend the Courthouse Entry Policy to include Paragraph No. 10, regarding information requested from the public before entry. Motion carried.

Emergency Management Update: None.

Public Comments:

Julie Duhn requested an additional policy prohibiting guards from asking for phone numbers from voters. Duhn also requested that all Courthouse entrants be required to wear masks.

Donna Juber commented on COVID-19 deaths and prevalence.

Questions were received from Matt Rezab.

Pauline Lloyd voiced COVID-19 concerns.

Other Business: None.

Discussion was held on the County's manure application policy, lack of compliance by applicators using umbilical hoses, liability for spills, and means, if any, of enforcement. County Attorney Darrell Meyer suggested requiring permit applicants to provide a deposit or bond or imposing a per diem penalty for violating a permit. In the end, Hoffman preferred that the existing policy remain as-is, but that he and Roll will work to educate the public on the policy.

The public was reminded of the auction of County-owned equipment, slated for October 28, 2020.

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 10/14/2020

09:09:43 From Junker : I'll come down hold on.  
09:30:15 From Donna-Bob Juber : Ignorance is NO excuse!  
09:33:44 From Donna-Bob Juber : If the policy is included in the permit  
app, there is bo excuse.  
09:34:07 From Donna-Bob Juber : I meant, no excuse.