

HARDIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES – NOVEMBER 27, 2019  
WEDNESDAY - 8:00 A.M.  
COURTHOUSE LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM

Chair Reneé McClellan called the meeting to order. Also present were Supervisors Lance Granzow and BJ Hoffman; and Judge John Haney, Matt Rezab, Jody Mesch, Darrell Meyer, Matt Jones, Micah Cutler, Dave McDaniel, Thomas Craighton, Carey Callaway, Machel Eichmeier, and Angela Silvey.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss courthouse security and implementing single point of entry.

Judge John Haney commended the County for its work on the courthouse and for being on the forefront of building security when compared to other rural counties.

Property Manager Jody Mesch provided an update on the east side addition. IT/GIS Director Micah Cutler advised two door lock systems have been transitioned into one system and cameras pointed at counter areas will be installed in several main floor offices.

Hoffman recommended single point of entry take effect on January 2, 2020, and efforts be made to notify the public and staff and put up signage. It was determined that single point of entry will apply to visitors and staff alike and the courthouse north and south doors will be used as emergency exits only. As a result, the treasurer's payment drop box will be relocated.

Discussion was held on metal detector installation and treatment of firearms. Also discussed were employee after-hours admittance and creating a policy concerning parking around the courthouse.

Haney suggested conducting emergency drills after implementation of single point of entry.

Regarding the addition of security personnel, Sheriff Dave McDaniel noted that his department had already budgeted for the expense. Carey Callaway, Quaker Security, stated her company was willing to compete, ready to submit a request for proposal, and willing to work with the County. The Supervisors agreed McDaniel should make all decisions on staffing and uniform style.

Haney requested IT schedule a test of distress alarms. For his annual report, Haney also requested the amount of money the County has invested in physical changes to the courthouse and onsite personnel. Those figures come in at \$165,000 and \$60,000, respectively, plus \$40,000 for equipment.

The meeting adjourned at 9:16 a.m.

At 10:00 a.m. McClellan called the regular meeting to order. Also present were Supervisors Lance Granzow and BJ Hoffman; and Tim Fuller, Korey DeBerg, Kollin DeBerg, Matt Rezab, Micah Cutler, Donna Juber, Bob Juber, Megan Mollenbeck, Cheryl Lawrence, Machel Eichmeier, Mark Buschkamp, Angela De La Riva, Dave McDaniel, Taylor Roll, Jacob Bolson, Curt Groen, Jean Groen, Julie Duhn, Becca Junker, Taylor Nederhoff, Darrell Meyer, and Angela Silvey.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Hoffman moved, Granzow seconded to approve the agenda with the following item stricken: approval of claims for payment. After it was explained that Secondary Roads' claims had been processed for payment, Hoffman, amending his motion, moved to approve the agenda as presented, but to table approval of claims for payment. Granzow seconded. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, Granzow seconded to approve the minutes of November 12, 2019; November 12, 2019 canvass; November 18, 2019 canvass; and November 20, 2019. Motion carried.

Utility Permits: None.

Secondary Roads Department:

County Engineer Taylor Roll advised his crew had been moving snow and melting ice.

Granzow moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the bridge inspection and rating program submitted by Calhoun-Burns and Associates, Inc. Motion carried.

Tim Fuller, Liberty National insurance company, requested the Board allow representatives to return and meet with employees for annual open enrollment purposes. The Supervisors will review the materials Fuller provided and consider approval at next week's meeting.

Hoffman moved, Granzow seconded to approve the resignation of Nicholas Popp, permanent part-time correctional officer, effective 12/07/2019. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

Questions were received from Julie Duhn on the scheduling of an agenda item. Comments were received from Donna Juber and Bob Juber on "legal reason" to recommend disapproval of CAFO permit applications. Jacob Bolson voiced his opposition to the development of wind energy farms in the county.

Megan Mollenbeck, Hansen Family Hospital, advised the hospital is expanding its wellness program starting in January 2020.

Granzow moved, Hoffman seconded to recess the meeting. Motion carried.

At 10:30 a.m. Hoffman moved, Granzow seconded to reconvene the meeting. Motion carried. Also present: Supervisor McClellan, Matt Rezab, Micah Cutler, Jean Groen, Curt Groen, Julie Duhn, Cheryl Lawrence, Machel Eichmeier, Mark Buschkamp, Taylor Nederhoff, Korey DeBerg, Kollin DeBerg, Taylor Roll, Dave McDaniel, Angela De La Riva, Darrell Meyer, and Angela Silvey.

Hoffman moved, Granzow seconded to approve the November 27, 2019 claims for payment. Motion carried.

Korey DeBerg presented on Timbers Edge Wedding and Event Center. Taylor Nederhoff, DeBerg's attorney, reviewed anticipated property and LOST taxes to be collected by the County.

Nederhoff requested the Board direct someone to contact the County's TIF attorney if TIF is an incentive the County would be willing to offer. DeBerg advised Timbers Edge is one of the first projects he and his brother are launching, and if they cannot receive TIF through Hardin County, they will locate their other, bigger projects outside Hardin County.

Nederhoff will set up a meeting with County Attorney Darrell Meyer, Economic Development Director Angela De La Riva, and Auditor Jessica Lara before the end of the year.

There being no further business, Granzow moved, Hoffman seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

/s/ René McClellan  
René McClellan, Chair  
Board of Supervisors

/s/ Jessica Lara  
Jessica Lara  
Hardin County Auditor