

HARDIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES – DECEMBER 11, 2019
WEDNESDAY - 8:30 A.M.
COURTHOUSE LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM

At 8:30 a.m. a meeting was held with IT/GIS Director Micah Cutler regarding the FY 2020/2021 budget. Present: Supervisors Reneé McClellan, Lance Granzow, and BJ Hoffman; and Micah Cutler, Matt Jones, and Angela Silvey.

Cutler presented a draft of the IT/GIS budget. Discussion was held on staffing costs, purchasing a server, and security cameras. Cutler will obtain quotes for added cameras. No action taken.

Hoffman moved, Granzow seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

At 10:00 a.m. Chair McClellan called the regular Board meeting to order. Also present were Supervisors Granzow and Hoffman; and Micah Cutler, Darrell Meyer, Matt Rezab, Bob Juber, Donna Juber, Jean Groen, Dave Dunn, Curt Groen, Jessica Lara, Angela De La Riva, Machel Eichmeier, Roger Sutton, Jessica Sheridan, Lori Kadner, and Angela Silvey.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Hoffman moved, Granzow seconded to approve the minutes of December 4, 2019. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the December 11, 2019 claims for payment. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, Granzow seconded that the following Resolution No. 2019-46, Moratorium on C-WEC Construction Permits, be adopted. Roll Call Vote: “Ayes” Hoffman, Granzow, and McClellan. “Nays” None. Resolution No. 2019-46 is hereby adopted as follows:

Where upon Board Member Hoffman moved that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-46

MORATORIUM ON C-WEC CONSTRUCTION PERMITS

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 331.302(10)(a) requires a county to compile ordinances every 5 years, and the County’s current commercial wind energy conversion (C-WEC) ordinance was last amended in 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors recently has learned that a wind energy company has obtained easement rights from over 100 land owners in a region of Hardin County predominately within drainage districts; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned drainage districts, several of which extend into Hamilton County, are governed by Trustees and contain millions of dollars of drainage infrastructure that could be jeopardized by the C-WEC project; and

WHEREAS, the Hardin County 911 Board is erecting near Hubbard, Iowa, near the region of the proposed C-WEC area, a new emergency communications tower that transmits by microwave frequencies; and

WHEREAS, research indicates that C-WEC turbines can interfere with microwave communications signals; and

WHEREAS, the County has an interest in preventing and abating any resulting nuisance from decommissioned commercial wind turbines through more robust decommissioning requirements; and

WHEREAS, the County has an interest in protecting the County's infrastructure, natural resources and property rights through adequate setback provisions;

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors will require substantial time to gather information and coordinate with multiple agencies for the purpose of reviewing, updating or creating ordinances, policies and procedures relative to C-WEC development;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Hardin County, Iowa, that Hardin County now imposes a moratorium, effective immediately and indefinitely, on C-WEC permit applications for the purpose of drafting and adopting any necessary and proper revisions to the C-WEC ordinance.

The motion was seconded by Board Member Granzow and after due consideration thereof, the roll was called and the following Board Members voted:

Ayes: Hoffman, Granzow and McClellan

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: none

Whereupon, the Chair of the Board of Supervisors declared said Resolution duly passed and adopted this 11th day of December, 2019.

/s/ Renee McClellan

Renee McClellan, Chair

Board of Supervisors

Attest:

/s/ Jessica Lara

Jessica Lara

Hardin County Auditor

Utility Permits: None.

Secondary Roads Department:

Engineering staff are attending the Iowa County Engineers Annual Conference.

Hoffman moved, Granzow seconded to set the time and date for the public hearing to vacate a portion of right-of-way at the intersection of UU Avenue and S-62 for January 15, 2020, at 8:32 a.m. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the application for fireworks permit submitted by the Johnson Family for December 24 and/or December 28, 2019, at 32290 Hwy 175, Eldora. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, Granzow seconded to approve the Sheriff's Monthly Report as presented. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, Granzow seconded to approve the promotion and pay increase of Jessica Sheridan, Environmental Health Specialist/Zoning Administrator, to department head of the Environmental Health Department, at a rate of \$20.51/hour, effective 01/04/2020. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the resignation of Micah Cutler, IT/GIS Director, effective 01/03/2020. Motion carried.

McClellan reviewed an amendment to the Hardin County Credit Card Policy which would raise the Economic Development Department's credit limit to \$3,000. Hoffman moved, Granzow seconded to adopt the revised Hardin County Credit Card Policy as presented. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, Hoffman seconded to approve two Alliant Energy Custom Rebate Project Completion Forms. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, Granzow seconded to reschedule the December 25, 2019 and January 1, 2020 regularly scheduled board meetings to December 23, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. and January 2, 2020, at 8:30 a.m., respectively, in the large conference room. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

Donna Juber provided a rebuttal on a legal opinion she received.

County Attorney Darrell Meyer recognized employee Cliff Cory, who was recently appointed by the Iowa County Attorneys Association to the Victim Witness Coordinators Section Council. Cory also serves on the Board of Directors of the Iowa Organization for Victim Assistance.

Other Business: None.

Hoffman moved, Granzow seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

At 1:00 p.m. a meeting was held with Community Services Director Linn Adams regarding the FY 2020/2021 budget. Present: Supervisors McClellan, Granzow, and Hoffman; Linn Adams and Angela Silvey.

Adams presented a draft of the Community Services budget. Discussion was held on staffing, general assistance, and mental health services related costs. Also discussed was the future of the Friendship Club should it become a 501(c)(3) organization. No action taken.

Granzow moved, Hoffman seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

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

/s/ Jessica Lara
Jessica Lara
Hardin County Auditor

Hardin County Solid Waste Disposal Commission
Unapproved Minutes
Wednesday December 11th, 2019
SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING
2:00 p.m.

Chairman Jody Anderson called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Members present were Jody Anderson, Steve Hunt, Don Bahr, Chris Renihan, Lance Granzow, and Director Susan Engelking. Also present were Don Fraser, Town of Buckeye, Hardin Co. Supervisor BJ Hoffman, Hardin Co. Supervisor Renee McClellan, Hardin Co. Board Secretary Angela Silvey, and Gene Newgaard, Mayor, City of Iowa Falls.

Hunt made a motion to approve the Agenda. Seconded by Bahr. Motion carried.

Engelking presented the Budget for FY 2020-21, and informed the Board of the changes that were made from last year's Budget. After reviewing the presented Budget, the Board suggested additional changes and necessary cuts that need to be made to the Budget to save more money. Hunt made a motion to approve the FY 2020-21 Budget, with the said changes. Seconded by Granzow. Motion carried.

Discussion of the Case 95x Skid loader was had. Engelking informed the Board of the repairs that need to be done on the Skid loader. The Board asked Engelking to find out additional information and prices for these repairs, and bring it back to the next Executive Board meeting on Dec. 17th, 2019. Hunt made a motion to approve the Executive Board the power to make the decision on the repair of the skid loader or to buy new. Seconded by Bahr. Motion carried.

Next Executive Commission meeting will be Tuesday December 17th, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. (noon)
Next Full Commission Meeting will be Tuesday January 21st, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Bahr made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by both Renihan & Hunt. Chairman Anderson adjourned the meeting.

Recorded By: Susan K. Engelking, Director

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