

HARDIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES – DECEMBER 18, 2019  
WEDNESDAY - 9:15 A.M.  
COURTHOUSE LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM

At 9:15 a.m. the Board met with Beth Miller, CPA, Bowman & Miller, PC, regarding the annual County Audit. Present: Supervisors Reneé McClellan, Lance Granzow, and BJ Hoffman; and Machel Eichmeier, Darrell Meyer, Taylor Roll, Jessica Lara, and Angela Silvey.

Audit comments were reviewed, and responses were made. No action necessary; informational only.

At 10:00 a.m. Chair McClellan called the regular Board meeting to order. Also present were Supervisors Granzow and Hoffman; and Angela De La Riva, Dave Dunn, Curt Groen, Micah Cutler, Machel Eichmeier, Darrell Meyer, Taylor Roll, Jessica Lara, Donna Juber, Mark Buschkamp, Jessica Sheridan, Wes Wiese, Bob Juber, Linn Adams, Julie Duhn, and Angela Silvey.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Granzow moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the minutes of December 9, 2019; December 10, 2019; and December 11, 2019. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, Granzow seconded to approve the December 18, 2019 claims for payment. Motion carried.

The Chair opened the public hearing on the proposed FY 2019/2020 Budget Amendment.

No oral or written comments or objections were received on the proposed budget amendment. Granzow moved, Hoffman seconded to close the public hearing. Motion carried. Action on the budget amendment will take place at the 12/23/2019 Board meeting.

Utility Permits: None.

Secondary Roads Department:

County Engineer Taylor Roll provided a departmental update. No action necessary; informational only.

Discussion regarding fees or taxes for manure haulers was revisited. County Attorney Darrell Meyer advised the County had no authority under the Code to impose such a tax.

Community Services Director Linn Adams, on behalf of the Wellness Committee, presented a recommendation that the County participate in the ISAC Outside County Wellness Program. Discussion was held on program incentives. Granzow moved, Hoffman seconded to table action until the 12/23/2019 Board meeting. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the hiring of Jennifer Crosser, permanent part-time Correctional Officer, at a rate of \$15.00/hour, effective 01/02/2020. Motion carried.

Public Comments: None.

Other Business: None.

Hoffman moved, Granzow seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

A 1:00 p.m. meeting regarding an Economic Development Strategic Planning Survey was postponed.

At 1:15 p.m., the Board met with Ben Krause, Radcliffe EMS, to resume discussion on EMS as an essential service. Present: Supervisors Reneé McClellan, Lance Granzow, and BJ Hoffman; and Ben Krause, Owen Spencer, Maile Chinery, Dave Dunn, Justin Ites, and Angela Silvey.

Krause advised that county EMS service directors met and decided that, rather than levying the County, they supported a request for increased funding from the County in an annual amount up to \$65,000. Said funds would be paid to the EMS Council and used toward training costs and group-purchasing of non-billable medical supplies.

Hoffman and McClellan stated they are not opposed to increasing EMS funding; however, as McClellan noted, funding may be affected by budget limitation.

Discussion was held on the EMS essential services model and County-wide staffing concerns. Hoffman requested EMS service directors go back to the drawing board and work towards a bigger plan.

Krause laid out the standards required for him to endorse a referendum and levy. He also asserted that service directors will need at least a year to develop a large-scale plan.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

At 2:20 p.m., the Board met to complete an Economic Development Strategic Planning Survey. Present: Supervisors McClellan, Granzow, and Hoffman; and Angela Silvey.

Responses were made to the questionnaire and submitted.

Meeting adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

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

/s Jessica Lara  
Jessica Lara  
Hardin County Auditor