

HARDIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES – DECEMBER 4, 2019
WEDNESDAY - 10:00 A.M.
COURTHOUSE LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM

Chair Reneé McClellan called the meeting to order. Also present were Supervisors Lance Granzow and BJ Hoffman; and Ava Haun, Nicki Williams, Marilyn Raska-Engelson, Erin Finnegan-Andrews, Joan Grothoff, Laura Newby, Melissa Johanson, Sue Abbas, Rachel Thompson, Dave Dunn, Angela De La Riva, Donna Juber, Bob Juber, Dave McDaniel, Lori Kadner, Rick Patrie, Taylor Roll, Curt Groen, Mark Buschkamp, Micah Cutler, Justin Ites, and Angela Silvey.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Hoffman moved, Granzow seconded to approve the agenda with the following amendment: postponing the Hardin County Librarian Association's item to after the changes of status. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the minutes of November 27, 2019. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, Granzow seconded to approve the December 4, 2019 claims for payment. Motion carried.

Utility Permits: None.

Secondary Roads Department:

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

Nicki Williams, NRCS, introduced new Hardin County District Conservationist Ava Haun and reviewed services offered by the NRCS.

McClellan reviewed a proposal submitted by Heath Stolee to name an unnamed creek between Radcliffe and Hubbard to memorialize the Radcliffe Cardinals school team. Hoffman moved, Granzow seconded to approve the request to name the creek stated in the legal description as Cardinal Creek. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, Granzow seconded to approve the open enrollment for Liberty National insurance as presented at last week's meeting. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the Auditor's Monthly Report for November 2019. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, Granzow seconded to approve the Recorder's Monthly Report for November 2019. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the retirement of Leonard Baker, Secondary Roads Bridge Foreman, effective 12/06/2019. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, Granzow seconded to approve the hiring of Heather Johlas, permanent part-time Communications Dispatcher, at a rate of \$15.00/hour, effective 12/03/2019. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

Bob Juber requested a follow-up from last week's meeting concerning "legal reason" to disapprove CAFO permit applications. McClellan advised the county attorney had prepared a written opinion.

Other Business:

Hoffman recommended the board discuss rescheduling the weekly board meetings that fall on Christmas and New Year's Day holidays. A decision will be made at next week's meeting.

McClellan related that implementation of single point of entry will occur January 2, 2020; therefore, anyone attending future Board meetings will need to enter through the east entrance. Hoffman added that staff will be asked to refrain from parking along the courthouse square to allow for plenty of public parking.

The meeting was recessed.

At 10:16 a.m. the meeting was reconvened for a funding request from the Hardin County Librarian Association. Present: Supervisors McClellan, Granzow, and Hoffman; and Marilyn Raska-Engelson, Erin Finnegan-Andrews, Joan Grothoff, Laura Newby, Melissa Johanson, Sue Abbas, Rachel Thompson, Mark Buschkamp, Micah Cutler, Curt Groen, Justin Ites, and Angela Silvey.

Erin Finnegan-Andrews provided statistics on library usage within the county, after which presentations were given on services and amenities offered by the Eldora, Union, Alden, Hubbard, Iowa Falls, Radcliffe, Ackley, and Steamboat Rock public libraries.

Finnegan-Andrews stated that Hardin County libraries depend on funding from the Supervisors and the libraries would love to see a 2 to 3 percent increase in their funding for the next fiscal year.

At 10:53 p.m., Hoffman moved, Granzow seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

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

/s/ Jessica Lara
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Hardin County Auditor

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At 11:00 a.m. the Board met for an economic development meeting. Present were Supervisors Reneé McClellan, Lance Granzow and BJ Hoffman; and Angela De La Riva, Mark Buschkamp, Dave Rubow, and Angela Silvey.

Angela De La Riva, County Economic Development Director, spoke on the following topics:

- Growing Business Solutions partnership
- Ongoing projects in Hubbard, Radcliffe, and Ackley
- Strategic Planning Session planned in February
- Updating the Hardin County Comprehensive Plan
- Offering revolving loan fund or façade/signage grants
- Participation in HCCEF Entrepreneur for a Day Program

Mark Buschkamp, Iowa Falls Area Development Corporation Executive Director, briefed the Board on the following:

- Spec building leads
- Certified site status
- Social media campaign to support IVCCD bond
- Brewery remodel
- Lunch and Learn
- Manufacturing Day event with high school students
- Establishing apprenticeship programs

Discussion was held about raising De La Riva's credit card limit to \$3,000.00 to cover travel expenses. The matter will be revisited at the next regular Board meeting.

De La Riva advised she, Advisory Council members Dave Rubow and Ben Speck, and County Attorney Darrell Meyer will be meeting with Timbers Edge developers. Rubow disclosed his private company is handling title work for Timbers Edge and raised the issue of conflict of interest. De La Riva assured Rubow he could attend the meeting if he remains impartial.

McClellan suggested contacting Bob Josten, Dorsey & Whitney LLP, and requesting he come to Hardin County to provide education on TIF and Urban Renewal. De La Riva will call and make arrangements.

The meeting adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

/s/ Reneé McClellan
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/s/ Jessica Lara
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