

HARDIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES – OCTOBER 23, 2019
WEDNESDAY - 9:00 A.M.
COURTHOUSE LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM

At 9:00 a.m. the Board met for a hazard mitigation plan review. Present were Supervisors René McClellan, Lance Granzow, and BJ Hoffman; and Thomas Craighton, Dave McDaniel, and Angela Silvey.

Thomas Craighton, Emergency Management Director, explained the review is required under FEMA regulations following the disaster declaration made by the County in early 2019. Craighton highlighted the mitigation strategies which were added to the current plan, approved in 2018, as well as items brought forward from a previous version of the plan.

Discussion centered around the following topics:

1. Livestock containment in the event of a motor vehicle accident involving livestock.
2. Difficulty of creating a water use ordinance due to private wells.
3. Laminated glass in the Courthouse.
4. Evacuation planning and sheltering.
5. Public warning systems and getting aboard the Alert Iowa system.
6. Rail transport of hazardous materials and sourcing AFFF foam from ethanol plants.
7. Progress on Emergency Operations Center.
8. Acquiring a generator for the Courthouse.
9. Removing the creation of drainage districts, long established, from the plan.

Craighton recommended placing a Courthouse generator higher on the list of priorities in the plan. Hoffman will inquire whether or not Public Health has any grants available to help with acquisition.

Craighton will draft a letter to Homeland Security recounting the review, and that letter will be approved at a later Board meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

At 10:00 a.m. Supervisor Chair René McClellan reconvened the meeting. Also present were Supervisors Lance Granzow and BJ Hoffman; and Darrell Meyer, Justin Ites, Thomas Craighton, Dave McDaniel, Micah Cutler, Rick Patrie, Dave Mitchell, Jamie Witham, Leslee Perry, Maggie Vander Wilt, Taylor Roll, Don Knoell, Donna Juber, Curt Groen, Dave Dunn, Jessica Sheridan, Machel Eichmeier, Isaac Knutson, Lori Kadner, Angela De La Riva, 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 October 16, 2019. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, Granzow seconded to approve the October 23, 2019 claims for payment. Motion carried.

Dave Mitchell, Eldora City Administrator, spoke to the Board about his letter requesting \$6,040.77 from the County to support efforts toward bringing blighted properties into

compliance in Alden, Union, Whitten, Radcliffe, Hubbard, and Steamboat Rock. Hoffman asked to see signed 28E agreements from each participating community before acting on the request. Granzow expressed concern that communities would not stay vested in the program, and that funding would fall increasingly to the County. Taylor Roll, County Engineer and Radcliffe Mayor, recommended that all 28E agreements contain termination clauses. No action was taken.

Utility Permits: None.

Secondary Roads Department:

Roll advised his crew is still patching concrete on county line road S75, a culvert project was completed, and snow equipment has been mounted. Concerning a large pothole in the railroad right-of-way by Flint Hills Resources, Roll encouraged citizens to direct complaints to the railroad company. Roll said he proposed that Hardin County repair the pavement and pay all costs, but he was having difficulty getting permission from the railroad company.

Hoffman moved, Granzow seconded that the following Resolution No. 2019-41, Establishing Speed Limit on County Highway S75 Between County Highway D65 and 340th Street Located in Hardin County, Iowa, be adopted. Roll Call Vote: "Ayes" Hoffman, Granzow, and McClellan. "Nays" None. Resolution No. 2019-41 is hereby adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION 2019-41

ESTABLISHING SPEED LIMIT ON COUNTY HIGHWAY S75 BETWEEN COUNTY HIGHWAY D65 AND 340TH STREET LOCATED IN HARDIN COUNTY, IOWA

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors is empowered under authority of Sections 321.255 and 321.285 subsection 5b of the Code of Iowa, to determine upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation that the speed limit of any secondary road is greater than is reasonable and proper under the conditions existing, and may determine and declare a reasonable and proper speed limit, and

WHEREAS, such investigation has been completed by the Hardin County Engineer's Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Hardin County Board of Supervisors that speed limit be established and appropriate signs erected at the locations described as follows:

On County Highway S75, between County Highway D65 and 340th Street located in Hardin County, Iowa;

North & South Bound Traffic

- 35 MPH from the intersection of County Highway D65 and County Highway S75, thence South 3.5 miles to the intersection of 340th Street and County Highway S75.

This Resolution shall be in effect when the signs have been erected and shall be in effect for an indefinite amount of time, pending the rehabilitation of the roadway.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 23rd day of October, 2019.

HARDIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

/s/ Renee McClellan
Renee McClellan, Chair

ATTEST:

/s/ Jessica Lara
Jessica Lara, Hardin County Auditor

Granzow moved, Hoffman seconded to enter into an agreement with Elaine Frerichs as presented. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, Granzow seconded to direct the County Attorney to prepare a revised 28E agreement with Greenbelt Home Care and the City of Eldora. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, Granzow seconded to award the bid and enter farm lease with Todd Kjormoe in the amount of \$285.01/acre. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, Granzow seconded to set the time and date of 10:02 a.m. on December 18, 2019, in the large conference room, for a public hearing on a budget amendment. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, Hoffman seconded to approve a lease agreement for the courthouse postage machine. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the application for use of courthouse grounds submitted by the Christmas Festival Committee, changing the beginning date from December 1 to November 29, 2019, with a use end date of December 30, 2019. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, Granzow seconded to approve the application for appointment of Medical Examiner Investigator for Thomas Craighton. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, Granzow seconded to approve the promotion of Connie Mesch, Chief Deputy Assessor, at a salary of \$49,595.00, effective 10/21/2019, based on passing examination through the Iowa Department of Revenue. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the resignation of Danita Wheatley, Interpretive Park Ranger, effective 10/21/2019. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, Granzow seconded to approve the promotion of Dale Schwarck, Motor Grader Operator, at a rate of \$20.86/hour, effective 10/26/2019. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

Isaac Knutson read a statement providing his arguments against the future development of wind turbine farms in Hardin County. He also acknowledged he started a petition on October 15, 2019, which had gathered more than 100 signatures.

Other Business:

Jessica Sheridan, Environmental Health Specialist/Sanitarian, noted that the County was scheduled give its recommendation on the Corner Pork Site that day, but as no floodplain determination had been received, the site was granted another 30-day extension from the DNR.

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