

HARDIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 4, 2019
WEDNESDAY - 9:00 A.M.
COURTHOUSE LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM

At 9:00 a.m. the Board met with Emergency Management Services to discuss essential service designation. Present were Supervisors Reneé McClellan, Lance Granzow, and BJ Hoffman; and Darrell Meyer, Mike Ludwigs, Dave Dunn, Corey Larson, Jami Stupp, Gene Newgaard, Dave Mitchell, Owen Spencer, Ben Krause, Taylor Roll, Dave McDaniel, Maile Chinery, Ryan Sutcliffe, and Angela Silvey.

McClellan opened the meeting with comments on launching the County EMS System Advisory Council, selecting a council chair, and reaching out to member entities.

The Board requested each EMS group compile data on revenues and operating costs, and prepare financial projections that include funding necessary to ensure a sustainable service. Granzow noted he would like to see those numbers prior to budgeting for the next fiscal year.

Discussion was held on the funding of fire departments compared to ambulance services; township contributions to ambulance services, or lack thereof; and possible reordering of the existing EMS structure.

Discussion was also held on the fairness of a new tax levy for ambulance services should a referendum be placed on the ballot. McClellan and Hoffman acknowledged some cities, namely Iowa Falls and Radcliffe, may choose to opt out.

The meeting recessed at 9:58 a.m.

At 10:02 a.m. Chair Reneé McClellan reconvened the meeting. Also present were Supervisors Lance Granzow and BJ Hoffman; and Taylor Roll, Curt Groen, Donna Juber, Justin Ites, Dave Dunn, Machel Eichmeier, Jessica Sheridan, Dave McDaniel, Julie Duhn, Lori Kadner, Mark Buschkamp, Jessica Lara, 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 August 28, 2019. Motion carried.

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

Utility Permits:

Hoffman moved, Granzow seconded to approve Hardin County Utility Permit Applications 9-3-19A by Aureon Technology and 9-3-19B for Midland Power Cooperative, both for the purposes of placing underground utilities. Motion carried.

Secondary Roads Department:

Taylor Roll, County Engineer, briefed the board on rock hauling efforts.

Granzow moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the Hardin County, Iowa Fraud Reporting Policy. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, Granzow seconded to approve the Hardin County Conflict of Interest Policy. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, Granzow seconded to approve the Hardin County Procurement Policy. Motion carried.

The Change of Status for the Environmental Health/Zoning Department was tabled.

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

Hoffman moved, Granzow seconded to approve the Annual Urban Renewal Report, Fiscal Year 2018-2019. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the official County digital seal. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, Granzow seconded to approve the property tax suspension for 608 8th Avenue, Ackley. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

Julie Duhn requested the date of a public hearing. Machel Eichmeier, County Treasurer, inquired into the opening of the courthouse east entrance.

Other Business: None.

Granzow moved, Hoffman seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

No Supervisors Boards and Commissions Reports were presented.

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

/s/ Jessica Lara
Jessica Lara
Hardin County Auditor

HARDIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 4, 2019
WEDNESDAY - 10:30 A.M.
COURTHOUSE SMALL CONFERENCE ROOM

At 10:35 a.m. the Board met for its monthly Economic Development meeting. Present were Supervisors Reneé McClellan, Lance Granzow, and BJ Hoffman; and Mark Buschkamp and Angela Silvey.

Granzow updated attendees on projects Angela De La Riva is working on. Hoffman asked Mark Buschkamp about incentives other communities offer to bring in grocery stores.

Buschkamp briefed the board on the following:

- Business visits
- IFADC Annual Report to shareholders
- Data available through the Iowa Economic Development Authority
- Offering business education opportunities
- Annexing the corridor south of Iowa Falls
- Creating an inventory of buildings or sites for sale or lease
- Initiative for bringing job-seeking veterans to Hardin County
- Buena Vista University's ag business and ag science degrees
- Branding
- Community betterment programs

Discussion was held on tourism and development expected along the Iowa River Trail. Buschkamp inquired about plans for remodeling the Courthouse Large Conference Room, which plans, according to the Board, have been placed on hold.

The meeting adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

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

/s/ Jessica Lara
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Hardin County Auditor

HARDIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 4, 2019
WEDNESDAY - 12:00 P.M.
COURTHOUSE LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM

At 12:18 p.m. the Board met with Architect Mike Nolan to discuss the Courthouse east entrance construction project. Also present were Supervisors Reneé McClellan, Lance Granzow, and BJ Hoffman; and Jodi Mesch, Rick Gustin, Jared Knott, Dustin Thompson, and Angela Silvey.

Granzow expressed to Mike Nolan his dissatisfaction with the swing of the outer door and the outer and inner doors being two different sizes; the placement of the entrance structure, which has covered up the stone arch; and the step flashing at the top.

The Board and Nolan inspected the entrance structure, and Nolan agreed the work was not as drawn. The Board requested both doors be replaced and drywall be put up on the east wall. Nolan will work with Rick Gustin and Jared Knott to address the construction issues.

A new proposal will be submitted to Jodi Mesch, Property Manager, for review and approval.

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

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

/s/ Jessica Lara
Jessica Lara
Hardin County Auditor

HARDIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 4, 2019
WEDNESDAY - 2:30 P.M.
COURTHOUSE LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM

At 2:30 p.m. the Board met with the County Engineer to discuss the future of gravel roads. Present were Supervisors Reneé McClellan, Lance Granzow, and BJ Hoffman; and Taylor Roll, Greg Ringena, Mark Oliver, Jennifer Crall, and Angela Silvey.

Taylor Roll presented the Supervisors with historical data on rock expenses and his cost estimates going forward. Roll advised he does not want to apply less than 300 tons per mile on high-priority roads.

Greg Ringena, Maintenance Superintendent, and Mark Oliver, Assistant Maintenance Superintendent, agreed that 2-inch clean rock will rebuild the road base. Oliver opposed the continued use of gravel or fines.

Granzow advised he wanted to find an additional \$1 million in funding for Secondary Roads by spring, whether by taking money earmarked for the HVAC project and making it available for Secondary Roads, or by paying Secondary Roads' employees' health insurance from the Supplemental Fund. McClellan cautioned there may be a budget limitation this year preventing additional spending from the Supplemental Fund.

Discussion was held on challenges to the Secondary Road system in the face of budgetary restrictions, load increases, deteriorating bridges, decreasing ag land valuation, and limited revenues. Roll advised he and Granzow are seeking appointment to the Secondary Road Fund Distribution Committee to try to bolster local government's cause.

Also discussed was the impact of livestock and feed haulers on gravel roads this past spring. Oliver and Ringena offered strategies for producers to mitigate damages. Jennifer Crall, of Iowa Select Farms, requested earlier communication from the County and will provide Roll with an email list of contacts for the county's major producers.

Returning to the topic of finding monies, Granzow suggested using additional LOST funds to purchase rock or issuing a general obligation bond.

Equipment needs and the possibility of adding GPS to the Secondary Roads fleet were discussed.

McClellan advised the Board will need to meet with Beth Miller before any decision can be made on moving monies.

Hoffman moved, Granzow seconded to adjourn at 4:00 p.m. Motion carried.

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

/s/ Jessica Lara
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Hardin County Auditor