

HARDIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES – APRIL 29, 2020
WEDNESDAY - 9:00 A.M.
COURTHOUSE LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM

Chair Lance Granzow called the meeting to order. The meeting was held electronically due to COVID-19 public health risks. Also in attendance were Supervisors BJ Hoffman and Reneé McClellan; and Angela De La Riva, Taylor Roll, Matt Jones, Michael Pearce, Thomas Craighton, Curt Groen, Dave McDaniel, Rocky Reents, Jessica Sheridan, Mark Buschkamp, Lori Kadner, Darrell Meyer, Micah Cutler, Machel Eichmeier, Donna Juber, Bob Juber, Dave Dunn, John Cook, Jessica Lara, John Zimmerman, Julie Duhn, Rudolfo Padilla, Justin Ites, and Angela Silvey.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to approve the minutes of April 22, 2020. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the April 29, 2020 claims for payment. Motion carried.

Utility Permits:

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to approve Hardin County Utility Permit Application UT-20-019, submitted by Heart of Iowa Communications Coop. Motion carried.

John Cook, US Census Bureau, provided an update on Hardin County residents' response to the 2020 Census.

WHEREUPON Board Member McClellan moved that the following Resolution be adopted:

APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION AMENDMENT

RESOLUTION No. 2020-17

On April 22, 2020, a budget hearing for an amendment was held. The budget amendment was approved and the following appropriation amendments shall be made as deemed necessary:

Office or Department	Amended Appropriation Amount
General Assistance	\$6,000
Mental Health	\$381,000
Secondary Roads/Engineer	\$630,000

Motion was seconded by Board Member Hoffman and after due consideration thereof, the roll was called and the following Board Members voted:

AYES: McClellan, Hoffman, and Granzow
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Whereupon, the Chair of the Board of Supervisors declared said Resolution duly passed and adopted this 29th day of April, 2020.

/s/ Lance Granzow
Lance Granzow, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

/s/ Jessica Lara
Jessica Lara

Hardin County Auditor

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the Iowa DOT Secondary Roads FY 2020 budget amendment. Roll Call Vote: “Ayes” McClellan, Hoffman, and Granzow. “Nays” None. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to appoint Taylor Roll as ADA Coordinator for Hardin County. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the abatement of taxes as presented by County Treasurer Machel Eichmeier. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the letter of support for the Industrial Rail Park Site Certification, with the following change: extending the road vacation time frame from two months to four months. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the Iowa River Trail paving contract with Snyder & Associates, Inc. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to approve that COBRA administration be handled by Employee Benefits System (EBS) through IGHCP effective July 1, 2020. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the discharge of Korey Sederberg, part-time Correctional Officer, effective 04/20/2020. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the hiring of Blake Daniel Munro, part-time Sheriff’s Deputy, at a rate of \$19.00/hour, effective 04/29/2020. Motion carried.

COVID-19 Update:

Rocky Reents addressed questions about who is eligible for COVID-19 testing, referencing the criteria listed on the State Hygienic Lab website.

Public Comments:

Comments were received from Julie Duhn regarding money spent on the Courthouse security guard.

Other Business: None.

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

At 10:03 a.m. Chair Granzow opened the public hearing on the Animal Feeding Operation Construction Permit – Tri-B Site, Section 8, Alden/Hardin Township. The hearing was held electronically due to COVID-19 public health risks. Also in attendance: Supervisors Hoffman and McClellan; and Michael Pearce, Seth Wingert, Donna Juber, Bob Juber, Curt Groen, Julie Duhn, Brent Tripp, Rudolfo Padilla, Bob Havens, Jessica Sheridan, Darrell Meyer, and Angela Silvey.

Seth Wingert reviewed the construction permit application.

Oral comments were heard from Donna Juber regarding lack of information on livestock stockpiling and composting and from Julie Duhn on lack of information in other areas of the application. Bob Havens commented on the County’s Chapter 459 Public Comment and Public Hearing Policy and on hog market instability and subsidies.

Written comments were received from Amy Gray and Donna Juber.

There being no other comments or objections, Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

At 11:01 a.m. Chair Granzow opened the public hearing on the Animal Feeding Operation Construction Permit – Ferris Pork Site, Section 16, Ellis Township. The hearing was held

electronically due to COVID-19 public health risks. Also in attendance: Supervisors Hoffman and McClellan; and Michael Pearce, Kris Johnston, Del Johnston, Curt Groen, Bob Havens, Donna Juber, Bob Juber, Julie Duhn, Jessica Sheridan, Darrell Meyer, and Angela Silvey.

Proof of publication was verified by Jessica Sheridan, Environmental Health Specialist/Sanitarian.

Del Johnston reviewed the construction permit application.

Oral comments were heard from Donna Juber regarding separation distances and the applicant's ineligibility to claim the Family Farm Tax Credit on land that is leased, not owned. Julie Duhn commented on hog market uncertainty, environmental impacts, and worker and food safety. Bob Havens echoed Juber on the Family Farm Tax Credit and restated comments from the 10 a.m. hearing.

Johnston stated that Ferris Pork, LLC, will own all the ground on which the barns will be sited.

Written comments were received from Amy Gray.

There being no other comments or objections, McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

At 12:33 p.m., the department heads/elected officials meeting was called to order. The meeting was held electronically due to COVID-19 public health risks. In attendance: Supervisors Granzow, Hoffman and McClellan; and Angela De La Riva, Jody Mesch, Jessica Lara, Linn Adams, Thomas Craighton, Bernie Koehrsen, Lori Kadner, Matt Jones, Taylor Roll, Donna Juber, Bob Juber, Dave McDaniel, Machel Eichmeier, Darrell Meyer, Wes Wiese, Julie Duhn, Don Knoell, Michael Pearce, and Angela Silvey.

Discussion was held on reopening County buildings to the public. Arrangements have been made to install plexiglass in offices and, per the recommendation of Thomas Craighton, Emergency Management Coordinator, Board meetings should continue via Zoom. Collectively it was decided to keep buildings closed at present; if buildings reopen, to allow visitors by appointment only; to look into testing visitors as they enter; and to provide masks for employees.

Employee transportation during the pandemic was addressed, specifically whether or not employees are permitted to travel in the same vehicle to different job sites, as is customary in Secondary Roads. It was agreed masks should be made available. However, Granzow noted, if an employee is uncomfortable, they should be given the space they need.

Other Business:

County Treasurer Machel Eichmeier had questions about her budget and paying for plexiglass.

County Auditor Jessica Lara asked the Board to consider the impact the economic shutdown may have on the County's revenues and budget and to be ready to provide guidance on potential cuts.

Eichmeier stated that there is \$1 million in taxes her department has not collected and expressed concern that taxing authorities will not get the monies for which they budgeted.

A follow-up meeting with department heads will be held May 13, 2020 to further discuss a timetable for reopening, taking into consideration the County's COVID-19 trend at that time.

At 1:37 p.m. Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

/s/ Lance Granzow
Lance Granzow, Chair
Board of Supervisors

/s/ Jessica Lara
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