

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

Chair Lance Granzow called the meeting to order. Also present were Supervisors BJ Hoffman, Reneé McClellan; and Dave Dunn, Taylor Roll, Darrell Meyer, Jessica Sheridan, Matt Jones, JD Holmes, Jessica Lara, Julie Duhn, Mark Buschkamp, Curt Groen, Machel Eichmeier, Cheryl Lawrence, Rick Patrie, Becky Schipper, 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 January 22, 2020. Motion carried.

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

Utility Permits: None.

Secondary Roads Department: No report.

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to appoint Bob Johnson from Union to the Iowa River Trail – Hardin Board. Additional IRTB board vacancies will be addressed at the February 5, 2020 Board meeting. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to table the Economic Development Advisory Council Funding Request until Economic Development Director Angela De La Riva is present. Motion carried.

Becky Schipper, Ackley World Journal Editor, advised she emailed questions to the Supervisors regarding Economic Development and requested a return email with responses.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to approve the Actuarial Services Agreement with SilverStone Group Inc. Motion carried.

County Attorney Darrell Meyer provided clarification on Resolution #2020, Policy for Chapter 459 Public Comment and Public Hearing, passed at the January 22, 2020 regular Board meeting, and suggested some revisions to the policy, if the Board is so inclined. Questions and comments were received from Julie Duhn. Hoffman will confer individually with Meyer on possible changes.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to approve the resignation and retirement of Carol Haywood, Community Services Administrative Assistant, effective 04/03/2020. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the resignation of Jared Mannerter, Property Management Assistant, effective 01/21/2020. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to approve the demotion of Jamie Kolthoff, Communications Dispatcher, from full-time to part-time, at a rate of \$15.00/hour, effective 01/31/2020. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to approve the promotion of Heather Johlas, Communications Dispatcher, from part-time to full-time, at a rate of \$16.76/hour, effective 02/01/2020. Motion carried.

Public Comments: None.

Other Business: None.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

At 11:00 a.m. the meeting reconvened for a zoning ordinance work session. Present: Supervisors Granzow and McClellan; and Jessica Sheridan, Mark Buschkamp, Curt Groen, Darrell Meyer, and Angela Silvey. Supervisor Hoffman was absent at the start of the meeting.

Jessica Sheridan, Environmental Health Specialist and Zoning Administrator, presented the revised County wind turbine ordinance prepared by her and County Attorney Darrell Meyer.

Per the proposed ordinance, conditional use permit applications will require written approval from a list of local boards and commissions, and each board or commission will set its own checkpoints. Should a board or commission disapprove, wind turbine companies may seek remedy by filing a variance with the Board of Adjustment.

Noise requirements and discontinuation and decommissioning requirements were discussed. Sheridan and Meyer had set forth a requirement that all concrete and rebar be removed after decommission; however, Granzow preferred that all material be broken down to a specified size and buried at least 6 feet down. Mark Buschkamp, IFADC Executive Director, noted that such non-standard requirements would kill the windmill project.

Discussion ensued on the protection of drainage district tile, airports, pioneer cemeteries, and the Greenbelt. To protect land buyers, Granzow and McClellan agreed abstracts should disclose buried windmill material.

At 11:58 a.m. Supervisor Hoffman joined the meeting.

Discussion was held on the drainage section of the ordinance and the need for further clarification on public versus private systems, setback requirements, and how to determine if a wind turbine has not produced energy for 12 months.

Also discussed was reasonable application fees, taking into account the new approval process.

The proposed ordinance was sent to interested boards and commissions, which have been given an opportunity to respond by 2/3/2020.

At 12:52 p.m., Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

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

/s/ Jessica Lara
Jessica Lara
Hardin County Auditor