

HARDIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES – JULY 15, 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 Justin Ites, Angela De La Riva, Dave Dunn, Becca Junker, JD Holmes, Megan Harrell, Curt Groen, Rocky Reents, Dave McDaniel, Tifani Eisentrager, Jessica Lara, Kerri Johannsen, Linn Adams, Julie Duhn, Bret Dublinske, Mariah Lynne, Josh Odom, Jake Ketzner, Abby Flatness, Megan Kirik, Pauline Lloyd, Darla Kalous, Bette Dossman, Tony Baranowski, Jessica Sheridan, Max Friedman, Donna Juber, Bob Juber, Micah Cutler, Floyd Hammer, Taylor Roll, Michael Pearce, Matt Jones, Thomas Craighton, Lori Kadner, Darrell Meyer, and Angela Silvey.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Due to technical difficulties, Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to recess until 9:20 a.m. to allow remote attendees time to log in with new Zoom meeting information. Motion carried.

At 9:20 a.m. the Chair reconvened the meeting.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to approve the second consideration of the amendment to Article XXIII of Ordinance No. 29 as modified by the Board of Supervisors. Granzow asked if Hoffman or McClellan would be willing to revert to the 3 X Total Height dwelling unit setback for C-WECS as recommended by the Zoning Board. Hoffman stated he believed that setback was already in the amendment and reiterated there are two means of relief available to developers: 1) waiver from property owners and 2) contest to the Variance Board. Roll Call Vote: “Ayes” Hoffman, McClellan, and Granzow. “Nays” None. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to set July 23, 2020, at 9:01 a.m., in the large conference room and via Zoom, for the final consideration and adoption of the amendment to Article XXIII of Ordinance No. 29 as modified by the Board of Supervisors. Roll Call Vote: “Ayes” Hoffman, McClellan, and Granzow. “Nays” None. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to approve the minutes of July 8, 2020. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the July 15, 2020 claims for payment. Motion carried.

Utility Permits: None.

Secondary Roads: No report.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded that the following Resolution No. 2020-31, Resolution for Road Reclassification Public Hearing, be approved. Roll Call Vote: “Ayes” Hoffman, McClellan, and Granzow. “Nays” None. Resolution No. 2020-31 is hereby adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION FOR ROAD RECLASSIFICATION PUBLIC HEARING

Hardin County

Resolution No. 2020-31

**WHEREAS**, A petition has been filed with the Hardin County Engineer asking that action be taken to reclassify a section of Hardin County Secondary Road to Class C, described as follows:

**A portion of GG Avenue, originally established on the 24th of June, 2020, lying in Section 12, T-88N, R-22W, Buckeye Township of Hardin County, Iowa. The extent of this road reclassification is the portion of the roadway commencing at the North Right-of-Way line of 180th Street, thence running in a northerly direction approximately one-quarter mile to the terminus.**

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that a hearing on the proposed reclassification will be held in the Conference Room, Hardin County Courthouse, Eldora, Iowa 50627 at 9:01 A.M. on the 5th Day of August, 2020 in accordance with Iowa Code Chapter 306.

/s/ Lance Granzow

Lance Granzow, Chairperson  
Hardin County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: /s/ Jessica Lara  
Jessica Lara, Hardin County Auditor

DATE: 7/15/2020

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to table the tax abatement for Ellsworth Neighborhood Investment Group until the July 22, 2020 meeting. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to approve the discharge of Mindy McLeland from the role of County Safety Coordinator, effective 07/01/2020. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to approve the hiring of Michael Pearce, IT Network Specialist, as County Safety Coordinator, at a rate to be determined, effective 07/01/2020. The role will be added to Pearce's current job responsibilities. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the pay increase of Angela De La Riva, Economic Development Director, to \$60,650/year, effective 07/15/2020. Hoffman stated the increase is a result of De La Riva's performance review and salary surveys. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to approve the pay increase of Jessica Sheridan, Environmental Health Specialist and Zoning Administrator, to \$45,000/year, effective 07/15/2020. Hoffman stated the increase is a result of Sheridan's performance review and salary surveys, and he would like to reevaluate in six months. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the pay increase of Jody Mesch, Property Manager, to \$73,000/year, effective 07/15/2020. Hoffman stated the increase is a result of Mesch's performance review, and Granzow noted that the pandemic has added to Mesch's duties. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to approve the promotion of Sophia Lupkes, Dispatcher, at a rate of \$17.26/hour, effective 07/25/2020. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the hiring of Emma Lee Inks, part-time Correctional Officer, at a rate of \$16.48/hour, effective 07/15/2020. Motion carried.

COVID-19 Update:

Emergency Management Coordinator Thomas Craighton spoke about PPE supply chain, event accommodations, and grants. Rocky Reents is working with schools on Return to Learn plans.

Matt Jones, IT Director, presented on the Alibi fever detection module and, after discussion, the following action was taken:

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the purchase of three Alibi fever detection modules, one each for the Courthouse, County Office Building, and Sheriff's Office. Granzow advised a policy needed to be put into place before the modules are deployed. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

Floyd Hammer lodged a complaint about the quality of gravel applied to his road.

Other Business:

Hoffman relayed concerns about individuals' use of Courthouse grounds without a permit. McClellan remarked there's a fine line between requiring a permit and allowing assembly on publicly-owned ground. County Attorney Darrell Meyer will examine the existing policy and permit for possible amendments.

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