

HARDIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES – JUNE 17, 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 Mariah Lynne, Dave McDaniel, Darla Kalous, Machel Eichmeier, Curt Groen, Leland Mosch, Justin Ites, Gene Newgaard, Josh Odom, JD Holmes, Bret Dublinske, Larry Johnson, Jody Anderson, Roger Nissly, Jake Katzner, Mark Buschkamp, Jessica Lara, Rocky Reents, Bette Dossman, Laura Cunningham, Micah Cutler, Dave Dunn, Megan Kirik, Becca Junker, Mindy McLeland, Denise Smith, Cheryl Lawrence, Cris Birks, Thomas Craighton Tifani Eisentrager, Raihan Rashidi, Jennifer Terry, Kerri Johannsen, Nick Boeyink, Kate Williams, Connie Mesch, Cody Smith, Max Friedman, Stacey Kincaid, Pauline Lloyd, Lu Nelsen, Ken Nason, Julie Duhn, Taylor Roll, Michael Pearce, Angela De La Riva, Darrell Meyer, Jessica Sheridan, Lori Kadner, 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 June 9, 2020 and June 10, 2020. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the June 17, 2020 claims for payment. Motion carried.

Utility Permits:

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to approve Hardin County Utility Permit Application UT-20-029, submitted by Moxie Solar. Motion carried.

Secondary Roads:

County Engineer Taylor Roll advised his crew has moved to S75 and is replacing culverts.

At 9:05 a.m. the Chair opened the public hearing on the amendment to Article XXIII of Ordinance No. 29 as modified by the Board of Supervisors.

Economic Development Director Angela De La Riva gave a presentation on the projected tax revenues RWE Renewables' proposed wind turbine project would generate in Hardin County.

Josh Odom, RWE, stated RWE did not intend to use the County's Large Scale Industrial Development Incentive Program, only the State ordinance regarding tax incentives.

A YouTube recording with commentary from Jacob Bolson was played.

Oral comments were heard from Cris Birks, Jody Anderson, Leland Mosch, Roger Nissly, Curt Groen, Odom, County Auditor Jessica Lara, and Darla Kalous.

County Attorney Darrell Meyer advised that after the hearing he will be recommending two changes to the draft of the ordinance amendment under consideration and described the changes.

Written comments were received from Kerri Johannsen, Cody Smith, and Ken Nason.

At 10:05 a.m. Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

Meyer restated his recommendations for changes to the amendment to Article XXIII of Ordinance No. 29 the Board, and the following actions were taken:

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to amend in Table 1 the dwelling unit setbacks for commercial WECS to state "Greater of Manufacturer's Recommended Safety Setback Distance

or 3 X Total Height or 0.5 Miles”. Roll Call Vote: “Ayes” Hoffman and McClellan. “Nays” Granzow. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to amend Section 4(1)(h) to state as follows: “The applicant shall minimize and mitigate any interference with electromagnetic communications, such as radio, telephone, television, global positioning satellite or cellular data signals caused by any WECS”. Roll Call Vote: “Ayes” Hoffman, McClellan, and Granzow. “Nays” None. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to approve the first consideration 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 set June 24, 2020 at 9:01 a.m., in the large conference room and via Zoom, for the second consideration 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.

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the FY 2021 Mental Health Advocate Services Agreement with Central Iowa Community Services. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to approve the Cost Advisory Services, Inc. contract renewal. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the Joint Public Service Agreement - Maintenance of Farm to Market Extension(s) Within the City’s Corporate Limits with the City of Whitten. Roll Call Vote: “Ayes” Hoffman, McClellan, and Granzow. “Nays” None. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the Recorder’s Monthly Report for May 2020. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to approve the promotion of Travis Prochaska to Secondary Roads Truck Driver, at a rate of \$21.81/hour, effective 07/01/2020. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to approve the promotion of Adam Johnson to Secondary Roads Motor Grader Operator, at a rate of \$22.13/hour, effective 07/01/2020. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to approve the promotion of Lucas Burton to Secondary Roads Heavy Equipment Operator, at a rate of \$22.20/hour, effective 07/01/2020. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to approve the pay increase of Jessica Wright, Treasurer’s Tax Deputy, at a salary of \$45,540/year, effective 07/01/2020. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to approve the pay increase of Deanna Vaux, Treasurer’s Motor Vehicle Deputy, at a salary of \$52,696/year, effective 07/01/2020. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to approve the pay increase of Sherry Lee Simons, Treasurer’s Driver’s License Deputy, at a salary of \$45,540/year, effective 07/01/2020. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to approve the Hardin County FY 2021 salaries as presented. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to change the regular meeting date of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. The change was made to close out the fiscal year. Motion carried.

COVID-19 Update:

Emergency Management Coordinator Thomas Craighton spoke about case increases, phased reopening of nursing homes, PPE stockpiles and usage, and availability of a supplemental grant.

Public Comments: None.

Other Business: None.

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

At 1:00 p.m. the meeting was reconvened, and the Board met for the job performance review of Angela De La Riva, County Economic Development Director. Present: Supervisors Granzow, Hoffman, and McClellan; and De La Riva and Angela Silvey.

At the request of De La Riva, McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i). Roll Call Vote: "Ayes" McClellan, Hoffman, and Granzow. "Nays" None. Motion carried.

Following discussion, Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to return to open session. Roll Call Vote: "Ayes" Hoffman, McClellan, and Granzow. "Nays" None. Motion carried.

At 1:41 p.m. the Board met for the job performance review of Jody Mesch, Property Manager. Present: Supervisors Granzow, Hoffman, and McClellan; and Mesch and Angela Silvey.

At the request of Mesch, Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i). Roll Call Vote: "Ayes" Hoffman, McClellan, and Granzow. "Nays" None. Motion carried.

Following discussion, Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to return to open session. Roll Call Vote: "Ayes" Hoffman, McClellan, and Granzow. "Nays" None. Motion carried.

At 2:10 p.m. the Board met for the job performance review of Jessica Sheridan, Environmental Health Specialist and Zoning Administrator. Present: Supervisors Granzow, Hoffman, and McClellan; and Sheridan and Angela Silvey.

At the request of Sheridan, Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i). Roll Call Vote: "Ayes" Hoffman, McClellan, and Granzow. "Nays" None. Motion carried.

Following discussion, Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to return to open session. Roll Call Vote: "Ayes" Hoffman, McClellan, and Granzow. "Nays" None. Motion carried.

At 2:38 p.m. the Board met for the job performance review of Matt Jones, Information Technology Director. Present: Supervisors Granzow, Hoffman, and McClellan; and Jones and Angela Silvey.

At the request of Jones, Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i). Roll Call Vote: "Ayes" Hoffman, McClellan, and Granzow. "Nays" None. Motion carried.

Following discussion, Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to return to open session. Roll Call Vote: "Ayes" Hoffman, McClellan, and Granzow. "Nays" None. Motion carried.

At 3:12 p.m. the Board met for the job performance review of Linn Adams, Community Services Director. Present: Supervisors Granzow, Hoffman, and McClellan; and Adams and Angela Silvey.

At the request of Adams, Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i). Roll Call Vote: "Ayes" Hoffman, McClellan, and Granzow. "Nays" None. Motion carried.

Following discussion, Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to return to open session. Roll Call Vote: "Ayes" Hoffman, McClellan, and Granzow. "Nays" None. Motion carried.

At 3:33 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