

HARDIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES – MAY 20, 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 René McClellan; and Justin Ites, Wes Wiese, Curt Groen, Tifani Eisentrager, Bob Havens, Megan Harrell, Mark Buschkamp, Mariah Lynne, Rocky Reents, JD Holmes, Jake Ketzner, Josh Odom, Bret Dublinske, Kristen Weaverling, Donna Juber, Bob Juber, Micah Cutler, Cody Smith, Dave McDaniel, Machel Eichmeier, Dave Dunn, Kyle Day, Steve Liston, Bette Dossman, Abby Flatness, Nick Boeyink, Julie Duhn, Laura Cunningham, Cristine Birks, Kerri Johannsen, Lori Kadner, Megan Kirik, Denise Smith, Mindy McLeland, Jennifer Terry, Thomas Craighton, Christopher Weaver, Lu Nelsen, Becca Junker, Darla Kalous, 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 May 6, 2020. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the May 20, 2020 claims for payment. Motion carried.

COVID-19 Update:

Rocky Reents advised her team met with judges and magistrates to discuss Court reopening. Reents also advised that the Iowa Department of Public Health is now updating its website with live statistics.

Utility Permits:

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to approve Hardin County Utility Permit Application UT-20-023, submitted by Heart of Iowa Communications. Motion carried.

Secondary Roads:

County Engineer Taylor Roll advised his crew is working on a large culvert on D55 and may work into the night.

At 9:07 a.m., Chair Granzow opened the public hearing on and first consideration of the Zoning Commission's recommended amendment to Article XXIII of Ordinance No. 29.

Zoning Administrator Jessica Sheridan and County Attorney Darrell Meyer reviewed the changes made to said article.

Questions and/or comments were received from Julie Duhn; Donna Juber; Bob Havens; Steve Liston; Curt Groen; Bret Dublinske, attorney for RWE Renewables; and Jake Ketzner, Iowa Conservative Energy Forum.

Written comments were received from Kim Whittington, Leland Mosch, Isaac Knutson, Gene and Jayne Leerberg, Ronald & Sonja Bauer, and Kerri Johannsen, Iowa Environmental Council.

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

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to table the first consideration of the amendment to Article XXIII of Ordinance No. 29. Motion carried.

A work session was set for 10:30 a.m. on Friday, May 22, 2020 to discuss any Board changes to the proposed amendment. Meyer suggested also setting a meeting to follow to consider and vote on any changes that may arise out of that work session.

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the Large Scale Industrial Development Incentive Program. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to acknowledge receipt of the Animal Feeding Operation Construction Permit for Ferris Pork Site, Section 16, Ellis Township. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to set June 3, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. for the public hearing on the Animal Feeding Operation Construction Permit for Ferris Pork Site, Section 16, Ellis Township. The hearing will be held in the large conference room and via Zoom. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to acknowledge receipt of the Animal Feeding Operation Construction Permit for Tri-B Site Section 8, Section 8, Alden Township. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to set June 3, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. for the public hearing on the Animal Feeding Operation Construction Permit for Tri-B Site Section 8, Section 8, Alden Township. The hearing will be held in the large conference room and via Zoom. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to adopt and substitute the policy on public hearing under Chapter 459, replacing the policy adopted by Resolution 2020-05. Roll Call Vote: "Ayes" McClellan, Hoffman, and Granzow. "Nays" None. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to appoint Becca Junker, Payroll and Benefits Manager, as alternate representative to the IGHCP Board. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to approve the hiring of Paul Martin, IRVM Roadside Vegetation Specialist, at a rate of \$20.00/hour, effective 05/26/2020. Martin is eligible for a \$0.25/hour raise after a 6-month probationary period and a \$0.50/hour raise after passing of required certifications. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the resignation of Rochelle Caslavka, Correctional Officer, effective 04/21/2020. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the hiring of Jacob Allen Sweet, part-time Correctional Officer, at a rate of \$15.00/hour, effective 05/20/2020. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

Donna Juber asked if the new IRVM employee or the County paid for required certifications.

Julie Duhn revisited concerns about the IDPH's return-to-work policy.

Other Business:

Donna Juber thanked Meyer for revising Resolution 2020-05.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

At 11:30 a.m. a meeting was held with Judy Funk, Heartland Risk, regarding 2020/2021 insurance renewal. The meeting was held electronically due to COVID-19 public health risks. In attendance: Supervisors Granzow, Hoffman, and McClellan; and Judy Funk, Michael Pearce, Angela De La Riva, and Angela Silvey.

Judy Funk reviewed projected 2020/2021 premiums as compared to 2019/2020 premiums. Total premium will rise approximately 6%.

Funk also reviewed Hardin County's general liability premium history, 2020/2021 workers compensation renewal calculation, mod factor history and analysis, claim counts overall and by department, workers compensation loss data, and cyber liability coverage.

In light of the tornado that hit Marshalltown, McClellan questioned the values of the Courthouse building and contents as shown on Heartland Risk's property schedule. Replacement value, she noted, may be much higher. An updated building valuation will be sent to the Board.

Funk requested the Board take action to approve insurance renewal by June 15, 2020.

The meeting adjourned at 12:26 p.m.

At 1:40 p.m. Chair Granzow reconvened the meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the County Engineer's employment contract. Also present were Supervisor McClellan; and Taylor Roll and Angela Silvey. Supervisor Hoffman and Mike Galloway joined the meeting via phone.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i) for personnel matters. Roll Call Vote: "Ayes" Hoffman, McClellan, and Granzow. "Nays" None. Motion carried.

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

At 2:07 p.m., McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

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

/s/ Jessica Lara
Jessica Lara
Hardin County Auditor