

HARDIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 2, 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 Connie Mesch, Tifani Eisentrager, Becca Junker, Curt Groen, Pauline Lloyd, Tony Baranowski, Justin Ites, JD Holmes, Dave McDaniel, Mark Buschkamp, Rocky Reents, Megan Harrell, Jessica Lara, Jeff Hoffman, Micah Cutler, Lisa Lawler, Wes Wiese, Cheryl Lawrence, Machel Eichmeier, Allison Scott, Linn Adams, Julie Duhn, Donna Juber, Michael Pearce, Taylor Roll, Carey Callaway, Jessica Sheridan, Thomas Craighton, Angela De La Riva, Lori Kadner, Darrell Meyer, and Angela Silvey.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the September 2, 2020 claims for payment. Motion carried.

Utility Permits: None.

Secondary Roads:

County Engineer Taylor Roll advised the Gifford bridge opening has been delayed a few weeks.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to approve the State of Iowa Section 130 Crossing Safety Improvements Agreement for installing arms at railroad crossing location CR D47/240th Street. Roll Call Vote: “Ayes” Hoffman, McClellan, and Granzow. “Nays” None. Motion carried.

County Attorney Darrell Meyer reported on the objection hearing panel’s decision to overrule the objection to Supervisor candidate Don Primus’s nomination. Meyer noted that after the hearing he learned the objector, Mark Seward, had placed a letter in the Treasurer’s Office dropbox which was not received prior to the hearing. As Seward’s letter did not introduce any new arguments, Meyer found the panel’s decision to be valid.

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to accept the brownfields response to request for qualifications submitted by Stantec. Roll Call Vote: “Ayes” McClellan, Hoffman, and Granzow. “Nays” None. Motion carried.

Where upon Board Member McClellan moved that the following resolution be adopted:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-37**

**RESOLUTION TO LIFT MORATORIUM ON C-WEC CONSTRUCTION PERMITS**

**WHEREAS**, on December 11, 2019, the Hardin County Board of Supervisors passed Resolution No. 2019- 46, imposing a temporary moratorium on C-WEC permit applications for the purpose of drafting and adopting any necessary and proper revisions to the C-WEC ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 12, 2020, the Board of Supervisors adopted an amended Ordinance 29, Article XXIII; and

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance 29, Article XXIII became effective upon publication on August 26, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the moratorium is no longer necessary;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of Hardin County, Iowa, that the moratorium imposed by Resolution No. 2019-46 is now lifted, and Resolution No. 2019-46 is now without effect.

The 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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September 2020.

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

Attest:

/s/ Jessica Lara  
Jessica Lara  
Hardin County Auditor

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to enter into the Headwaters of the South Skunk River Watershed Management Authority 28E Agreement. Roll Call Vote: “Ayes” Hoffman, McClellan, and Granzow. “Nays” None. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to table action on the appointment of a representative to the Headwaters of the South Skunk River Watershed Management Authority until September 9, 2020. Motion carried.

County Recorder Lori Kadner voiced her preference that County plat books continue to be produced in-house, rather than purchased from an outside vendor, and McClellan and Hoffman concurred. No action taken.

Discussion was held on an Employee Appreciation/Health Event proposed by the Wellness Committee. Granzow recommended eliminating the lunch component of the event, and the following action was taken: McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the wellness/health fair and immunization clinic as presented. The Wellness Committee will work out event details. Motion carried.

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

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the resignation of Martin Steiner, part-time Conservation Park Tech, effective 08/31/2020. Motion carried.

Jeff Hoffman, Chair, County Board of Health, spoke on a set of recommendations for the use of face coverings adopted by the Board of Health at its August 27, 2020 meeting.

COVID-19 Update:  
According to Rocky Reents, Hardin County has 58 active cases.

Thomas Craighton, Emergency Management Coordinator, advised he will be applying for public safety payroll reimbursement as made available through the CARES Act.

Regarding the derecho, Craighton advised FEMA has Hardin County’s request to be added to the Public Assistance side of the FEMA declaration. Craighton also provided an update on clean-up efforts in Union, Whitten, and New Providence.

Public Comments:  
Donna Juber thanked the County Board of Health for its recommendations and again asked the Supervisors to consider sending a letter to the Governor.

Questions and comments were received from Pauline Lloyd.

Julie Duhn asked about Greenbelt Home Care moving locations and costs of the move, to which Megan Harrell responded.

Other Business: None.

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to recess until 1:00 p.m. Motion carried.

At 1:00 p.m. the meeting was reconvened for a work session with IGHCP and Wellmark regarding claims processing. The meeting was held electronically due to COVID-19 public health risks. In attendance: Supervisors Granzow, Hoffman, and McClellan; and Cindy Allen and Denise Ballard with IGHCP, Karim Amiry and Sharon Bowlin with Wellmark, Becca Junker, Linn Adams, Connie Mesch, Lori Kadner, Michael Pearce, and Angela Silvey.

Denise Ballard and Karim Amiry explained to the Board that due to data transmission issues in Wellmark's cloud communications, the transition from the County's self-funded insurance plan to IGHCP did not go as planned. Ballard admitted claims processing is about 30 days behind where it should be. However, Ballard assured, as of September 2, EBS has received all data from Wellmark and claims processing is now running smoothly.

Questions and comments from Granzow, Linn Adams, McClellan, and Kadner were addressed by Ballard and Cindy Allen.

Discussion was held on pharmacy options and Ballard introduced the idea of designing a plan that promotes filling prescriptions locally as the County approaches renewal.

At 1:44 p.m. McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

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

/s/ Jessica Lara  
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Hardin County Auditor