

HARDIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES – AUGUST 16, 2021
MONDAY - 9:00 A.M.
COURTHOUSE LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM

At 9:00 a.m. the Board met to discuss the bids received for Iowa River's Edge Trail construction. Present were Supervisors BJ Hoffman, Reneé McClellan, and Lance Granzow; and Angela De La Riva, Michael Pearce, Wes Wiese, Chris Wieting, Taylor Roll, and Angela Silvey. Attending via Zoom: Rich Voelker, Elaine Loring, Aaron Budweg, and Lori Kadner.

Chris Wieting, trail committee chair, reported bids on the Steamboat Rock to Eldora paving and bridge project came back 14% higher than expected, and despite cost-cutting measures, there is still an estimated \$165,000 funding shortfall, \$100,000 of which are contingencies. The trail committee sent a letter to the County Economic Development Advisory Council, is continuing to fundraise, and is seeking a REAP grant. Yet the committee's goal was to secure the funding shortfall by August 18, 2021, when the Board would need to vote to accept or reject the bids.

Discussion was held on rejecting and rebidding the project. There was doubt bids would come in any cheaper. Wieting fielded questions about the project from Granzow and Hoffman.

Discussion was held on County Economic Development dollars potentially available for the trail. Angela De La Riva, Economic Development Director, reported the LOST fund balance stands at \$268,000, but unplanned expenses arose. When a loan was suggested, De La Riva reviewed the terms of the Radcliffe Legion loan. Granzow liked the idea of a five-year 0% interest loan for the trail, similar to the Legion's, but was not in favor of making any part of the trail's loan forgivable, stating County funds should not support the trail.

The Economic Development Advisory Council will meet in the evening and make a decision on trail funding.

A County REAP Committee meeting was scheduled for August 18, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

Recommendations from those two meetings will be considered, and possibly acted upon, at the next regular Board meeting.

At 9:41 a.m., Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

/s/ BJ Hoffman
BJ Hoffman, Chair
Board of Supervisors

/s/ Jolene Pieters
Jolene Pieters
Hardin County Auditor