

HARDIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES – APRIL 14, 2021
WEDNESDAY - 9:00 A.M.
COURTHOUSE LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM

Chair BJ Hoffman called the meeting to order. The meeting was held electronically due to COVID-19 public health risks. Also present were Supervisors Reneé McClellan and Lance Granzow; and Jolene Pieters, Machel Eichmeier, Michael Pearce, Darrell Meyer, and Angela Silvey. Attending via Zoom: Carrie Kube, Justin Ites, Laura Cunningham, Matt Jones, Pauline Lloyd, Julie Duhn, John Zimmerman, Rocky Reents, Felicia Ledbetter, Shane Glinski, Elaine Loring, Linn Adams, Donna Juber, and Kala Eller.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the minutes of April 7, 2021. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the April 14, 2021 claims for payment. Motion carried.

Emergency Management Update: No report.

Public Health Update:

Rocky Reents, Public Health Coordinator, reported on COVID-19 case data and vaccine administration.

Utility Permits:

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve Utility Permit No. UT-005, submitted by Heart of Iowa Communications Cooperative. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve Utility Permit No. UT-21-006, submitted by Heart of Iowa Communications Cooperative. Motion carried.

Secondary Roads: No report.

Public Comments:

Questions and comments were received from Pauline Lloyd, Julie Duhn, and Donna Juber about their tax assessments. Juber also asked when the budget hearing video recording would be posted.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the 2021 Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation. Motion carried.

Other Business:

Granzow advised that April was Parkinson's Awareness Month, and Hardin County has a Parkinson's support group which meets the second Wednesday of the month, April through October, at 2 p.m., at the Ackley Civic Center.

Hoffman stated he was part of the welcome home ceremony for the Iowa National Guard 1-133 Infantry "Ironman" Battalion in Waterloo and was excited to have its members back in our communities.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

At 2:00 p.m. the Board met for an ATV/UTV ordinance work session. The meeting was held electronically due to COVID-19 public health risks. Present: Supervisors Hoffman and Granzow; and Robert Harms, Lori Kadner, Michael Pearce, Jarret Wining, Heidi Young, Cheryl Lawrence, Taylor Roll, Angela De La Riva, Jolene Heikens, Bryan Meints, Darrell Meyer, and Angela Silvey. Attending via Zoom: April Neubauer, Matt Jones, Matthew Rezab, Kimberly Fistler Scallon, Erik Graham, Mike Fistler, Mandy Meyer, and Kim Wining. Supervisor McClellan was absent.

Hoffman acknowledged a bill regarding ATVs and UTVs on county highways had circulated at the Statehouse, but that bill may not contain enough regulations or consider what works best for Hardin County.

Recorder Lori Kadner raised questions she had about a proposed County ordinance, and discussion ensued on permit administration, decals, fees, routes, County and individual liability, and safety.

Hoffman and Granzow expressed concerns about including ATVs in the ordinance. Hoffman noted most UTV side-by-sides have rollover protection and seatbelts, whereas ATVs do not. Granzow added that ATVs could tear up roadway due to riders playing on the road.

At the direction of the County's insurance company, County Engineer Taylor Roll mapped out routes safe for ATV/UTV use. Roll urged the County communicate with each city to see which are on board with an ordinance, as Roll would like his routes to connect to cities where allowed.

County Attorney Darrell Meyer suggested making the ordinance similar to surrounding counties' so riders are in compliance when they cross county lines.

Hoffman asked that the proposed ordinance be sent back to the County Economic Development Advisory Council and anyone wanting changes should contact Angela De La Riva.

It was decided that as long as an ATV/UTV is registered, no fee, permit, or decal will be required to travel county roads.

It was also agreed that Kadner should contact State Sen. Annette Sweeney and persuade her to reintroduce the ATV/UTV legislation at the Statehouse.

At 3:01 p.m. Granzow moved, Hoffman seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

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

/s/ Jolene Pieters
Jolene Pieters
Hardin County Auditor

Chat Log from 4/14/2021

09:13:07 From Donna Juber to Everyone : The assessor's office hasn't been answering their phones!

09:19:11 From Carrie Kube to Everyone : Thank you to the Hardin County Board of Supervisors for recognizing the welfare of children. Thank you to BJ for wearing our shirt today too!

09:20:01 From Felicia Ledbetter to Everyone : I second Carrie! Thank you all for making this, and our children, a priority!

Chat Log from 4/14/2021

14:11:33 From Hardin County to Amanda's Galaxy S20 Ultra 5G(Direct Message) : Amanda, can you please provide your last name for the meeting minutes?

14:12:27 From matthew rezab to Hardin County(Direct Message) : Can you tell me who the woman is with blond hair and the grey shawl or whatever it is?

14:13:10 From Hardin County to matthew rezab(Direct Message) : Jolene Heikens

14:13:37 From matthew rezab to Hardin County(Direct Message) : Thanks

14:22:05 From mandymeyer to Everyone : \$25 for Ackley

14:22:38 From matthew rezab to Everyone : Eldora just passed an ordinance last night that they will issue permits for special events only.

14:22:48 From matthew rezab to Everyone : The Fair, Iowa's Ride, stuff like that

14:29:49 From mjones to Everyone : As long as they are insured, would we care?

14:31:10 From april to Everyone : If they are insured sure, or you can have designated roads for atv's- 4 wheelers.

14:33:41 From Erik Graham to Everyone : My two cents. Allow UTVs on all county and city roads. Have marked routes in the event UTVs have to cross or follow state highways. If a UTV doesn't have lights or turn signals they're not allowed after dark. Slow moving vehicle signs aren't necessary on a UTV.

14:36:03 From april to Everyone : That's part of the issue. Not having everyone on the same page of the laws.

14:44:46 From april to Everyone : perhaps you just make sections of those roads accessible if that is a concern

14:46:34 From matthew rezab to Everyone : I can't seem to find the Hardin County Code on the website. Are ATVs/UTVs allowed on secondary roads right now in the county?

14:52:08 From matthew rezab to Everyone : THanks

14:54:16 From Galaxy A71 5G to Everyone : Correct me if I'm wrong but motorcycles are not required to have turn signals . just trying to give out some comparable situations. Thanks

14:55:44 From Erik Graham to Everyone : Correct, motorcycles are not required to have turn signals. Hand signals in theory could work. As was said in the meeting every car has turn signals but not all operators use them.

14:59:04 From april to Everyone : could do a city pass if they only want the weekend and a county pass if they want long term
