

HARDIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES – APRIL 21, 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 Supervisor Lance Granzow; and Michael Pearce, Taylor Roll, Jolene Pieters, Thomas Craighton, Mark Buschkamp, Lori Kadner, Darrell Meyer, Connie Mesch, Machel Eichmeier, and Angela Silvey. Attending via Zoom: Allison Scott, Curt Groen, Justin Ites, JD Holmes, Lisa Lawler, Pauline Lloyd, Donna Juber, Elaine Loring, Rocky Reents, Cheryl Lawrence, Megan Harrell, Laura Cunningham, Tifani Eisentrager, and Julie Duhn. Supervisor Reneé McClellan was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Granzow moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the minutes of April 12, 2021. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the April 21, 2021 claims for payment. Motion carried.

Emergency Management Update:

Thomas Craighton, Emergency Management Coordinator, reported on derecho claims, collaboration with Public Health and the Board of Health, and RAGBRAI and Iowa Ride planning.

Public Health Update:

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

Utility Permits: None.

Secondary Roads:

County Engineer Taylor Roll reported on bridge construction progress and that he has been attending the National Association of County Engineers conference virtually.

IFADC Update:

Mark Buschkamp, Executive Director, briefed the Board on IFADC projects, leads, and activities.

Public Comments:

Donna Juber clarified comments she made the prior week pertaining to the Assessor's Office.

Pauline Lloyd wondered what could be done to increase Hardin County's vaccinated population. Craighton responded that 11,000 vaccinations had been given in the county, an excellent rate.

Granzow moved, Hoffman seconded that the following Resolution No. 2021-18, Resolution Approving Loan Agreement and Amended and Restated Indenture of Trust, be adopted. Roll Call Vote: "Ayes" Granzow and Hoffman. "Nays" None. Resolution No. 2021-18 is hereby adopted as follows:

Resolution No. 2021-18

RESOLUTION APPROVING LOAN AGREEMENT AND
AMENDED AND RESTATED INDENTURE OF TRUST

WHEREAS, Hardin County, State of Iowa (the "County") previously issued its General Obligation Urban Renewal Bonds, Series 2012 and loaned the proceeds to the Ellsworth Municipal Hospital d/b/a Hansen Family Hospital (the "Hospital") to provide additional financing for the construction of an approximately \$30 million hospital building improvement project (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the City of Iowa Falls, Iowa (the “City”) provided for repayment of the loan from the County to the Hospital for the Project with a pledge of Net Revenues of the Hospital, said Net Revenues being used to abate debt service on the 2012 General Obligation Urban Renewal Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the County has accepted a proposal from UMB Bank, n.a. to refund the 2012 General Obligation Urban Renewal Bonds; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish the refunding it is necessary to enter into a new loan agreement with the City acting for the Hospital and to amend restate the Indenture of Trust providing for the terms and conditions for repayment of the loan from the Net Revenues of the Hospital.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED BY THE Board of Supervisors OF Hardin County, STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. Approval of Indenture. The Amended and Restated Indenture, in substantially the form and content now before this meeting, is hereby approved, authorized, and confirmed, and the Board Chairperson and the Auditor are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Amended & Restated Indenture of Trust with such changes, modifications, additions or deletions approved by the County Auditor and County Treasurer, upon the advice of bond counsel.

Section 2. Approval of Loan Agreement. The Loan Agreement, in substantially the form and content now before this meeting, is hereby approved, authorized, and confirmed, and the Board Chairperson and the Auditor are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Loan Agreement with such changes, modifications, additions or deletions approved by the County Auditor and County Treasurer, upon the advice of bond counsel.

Section 3. Further Actions. The Board hereby authorizes and directs the Auditor, Treasurer and Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors to carry out or cause to be carried out, and to perform, such obligations of the County and such other actions, including the execution of ancillary documents, they shall consider necessary to carry out the intents and purposes of this Resolution, the Amended and Restated Indenture of Trust and the Loan Agreement.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 21st day of April, 2021.

/s/ BJ Hoffman
Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/ Jolene Pieters
County Auditor

Granzow moved, Hoffman seconded to table awarding the contract for county auditing services. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, Hoffman seconded to appoint Dave Rubow to the County Magistrate Appointing Commission for an unexpired term ending December 31, 2026. Motion carried.

Other Business:

Connie Mesch, Interim Assessor, addressed criticism from the prior week about tax assessments.

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 4/21/2021

09:11:27 From Donna Juber to Everyone : Thank you for your work, Mark
09:16:13 From Megan Harrell to Everyone : Our population is around 17,000 and after you take out the children that are not old enough to receive the vaccine, there are only about 3,000 people left in Hardin county that have not received theirs and we believe those are the people that do not want to receive it
09:16:59 From Donna Juber to Everyone : Thanks Rocky and Megan for your efforts.
09:17:02 From Lisa Lawler to Everyone : 11,000 vaccines total? Or is it 6500 total people?
09:18:01 From Lisa Lawler to Everyone : Correction - 5,500 total people?
09:18:56 From Megan Harrell to Everyone : 11,000 people have been vaccinated or have started the vaccination process in Hardin County
09:20:06 From Lisa Lawler to Everyone : Okay - thank you Megan. How many active cases again? I'm sorry I missed that.
09:21:01 From Julie Duhn to Everyone : Hand-picked commission member?
09:22:52 From Megan Harrell to Everyone : 110 active covid cases as of today
09:23:12 From Lisa Lawler to Everyone : Thank you Megan!
09:34:25 From Julie Duhn to Everyone : Connie answered the phone herself when I called the other day. She was courteous and we had a good discussion. Actually, my assessment went up slightly. I don't have a problem with paying more taxes if it doesn't go for paying for handmade imported leather iPad cases or gas for supervisors driving to the courthouse. Pay for your own gas out of your own pocket like everyone else. Just because something is legal doesn't make it right.