

HARDIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES – AUGUST 18, 2021
WEDNESDAY - 8:30 A.M.
COURTHOUSE LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM

At 8:30 a.m. Supervisor Chair BJ Hoffman called the County REAP Committee meeting to order. Also present were Supervisors Reneé McClellan and Lance Granzow; and Michael Pearce, Taylor Roll, Wes Wiese, Chris Wieting, and Angela Silvey. Attending via Zoom: Aaron Budweg.

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

Public Comments: None.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to approve the minutes of August 4, 2019. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to appoint Conservation Director Wes Wiese as meeting chair. With no other nominations, Granzow moved, McClellan seconded that nominations cease. Motion carried on both items.

Chris Wieting reviewed a City of Eldora REAP Grant Application requesting \$75,000 for the Iowa River's Edge Trail project, and the following action was taken:

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the City of Eldora REAP Grant Application. Motion carried.

Granzow then requested a recount of the vote to include all committee members present. Roll Call Vote: "Ayes" Budweg, Roll, Wiese, Granzow, McClellan, Hoffman. "Nays" None. Motion carried.

Other Business: None.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

At 9:00 a.m. Hoffman called the regular Board meeting to order. Also present were Supervisors McClellan and Granzow; and Michael Pearce, Chris Wieting, Taylor Roll, Wes Wiese, Pauline Lloyd, Machel Eichmeier, Jolene Pieters, Darrell Meyer, Breanne Butler, and Angela Silvey. Attending via Zoom: Thomas Craighton, Allison Munro, Cheryl Lawrence, Matt Rezab, Angela De La Riva, Jean Dunn, Donna Juber, Rocky Reents, Julie Duhn, Lori Kadner, Laura Cunningham, Aaron Budweg, and Curt Groen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the minutes of August 4, 2021. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the August 18, 2021 claims for payment. Motion carried.

Utility Permits: None.

Secondary Roads:

County Engineer Taylor Roll reported that good weather allowed the road crew to complete all jobs for the year.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the final plans for Project BRS-SWAP-C042(108)—FF-42 – County Highway 57 over Honey Creek. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to approve the City of Eldora REAP trail grant application. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on a recommendation from the Economic Development Advisory Council that the County provide a grant of \$10,000 in LOST monies to the Iowa River's Edge Trail

Committee to use toward filling a shortfall between bid amount and the committee's available funds. Economic Development Director Angela De La Riva explained the council's decision. Granzow and McClellan believed an economic development loan of up to \$100,000 to cover contingencies was a better option.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to table action on the Economic Development Advisory Council's recommendation until more information is available. Motion carried.

Chris Wieting, Iowa River's Edge Trail Committee chair, explained the reason for the funding gap was that bids came in 14% higher than expected and reviewed the cost-cutting measures and fundraising efforts undertaken to lessen the gap. Wieting proposed two choices for the Board: either accept Iowa DOT Contract 42-C042-104 or reject the bids and rebid the project with the expectation that bids could go higher.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve Iowa DOT Contract 42-C042-104, for trail paving from Steamboat Rock to Eldora and bridge work. Roll Call Vote: "Ayes" McClellan, Granzow, and Hoffman. "Nays" None. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the 2021 National Rail Safety Week Proclamation. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the Corrected Subordination Agreement concerning a mortgage, Instrument No. 2011-2049, executed by Dustin Potkonak. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to appoint Steve Carr to fill a vacant Jackson Township Trustee position. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to approve a revision to the Employee Handbook at Section 2:7 Employee Recruitment. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve extra working hours for temporary Sanitarian Dan Tilkes while current Sanitarian Jessica Sheridan is on leave. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to approve the end of seasonal employment of Tate Miller, Conservation Summer Intern, effective 08/18/2021. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to approve the Change of Status of Sophia Lupkes, Dispatcher, moving from full- to part-time, effective 08/28/2021. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to approve the resignation of Jesse Wolf, Jail Sergeant, effective 08/09/2021. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to approve the resignation of Michael Chapman, part-time Jailer, effective 8/13/2021. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to approve the resignation of Emma Inks, part-time Jailer, effective 08/17/2021. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to approve the resignation of Haydon Rhoades, part-time Jailer, effective 08/17/2021. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to approve the hiring of Cassidy James (C.J.) Edward Smith, part-time Correctional Officer, at a rate of \$18.90/hour, effective 08/09/2021. Motion carried.

Other Business: None.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

At 10:34 a.m. Chair Hoffman reconvened the meeting. Also present were Supervisors McClellan and Granzow; Angela De La Riva, and Angela Silvey.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Sections 21.5(1)(a), 22.7(3), and 22.7(8) to discuss economic development projects. Roll Call Vote: “Ayes” Granzow, McClellan, and Hoffman. “Nays” None. Motion carried. The Board entered closed session at 10:35 a.m.

At 10:58 a.m. County Attorney Darrell Meyer joined the meeting.

Following discussion, McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to exit closed session. Roll Call Vote: “Ayes” McClellan, Granzow, and Hoffman. “Nays” None. Motion carried. Closed session ended at 11:15 p.m.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(c) to discuss pending litigation. Roll Call Vote: “Ayes” McClellan, Granzow, and Hoffman. “Nays” None. Motion carried. The Board entered closed session at 11:15 a.m.

At 11:23 a.m. Hoffman left the meeting.

Following discussion, Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to exit closed session. Roll Call Vote: “Ayes” Granzow and McClellan. “Nays” None. Motion carried. Closed session ended at 11:40 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

Chat Log from 8.18.2021

09:08:55 From Angela De La Riva to Everyone:

Happy to share more about our thought process if that is helpful.

09:20:59 From Thomas A. Craighton to Everyone:

With him saying they dropped some "mitigation" portion. They might qualify for Hazard Mitigation dollars from HMGP to mitigate having to replace trail in a flooding event. Please advise the gentleman speaking on that item.

09:33:32 From Julie Duhn to Everyone:

Speaker view of meeting is interesting since a citizen in the picture is shown but will she be able to speak? IDK. Hm.